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Marriages.

DAVIES—BLACK.—November 27, 1901, at Tyrone, the residence of the bride's parents, Molong, by the Rev. J. Allen, Ernest Llanover, son of John Davies, of Stanmore, Sydney, to Agnes Katherine, daughter of John Black, of Molong. No cards.

Deaths.

ARCHIBALD.—January 1, 1902, at Warrana, 45 Burlington-street, North Sydney, Revd. John Howard Archibald, in his 64th year.

HART.—At the residence of her parents, 18 Wigram-road, Glebe Point, Stella, aged 9 months, beloved youngest daughter of David and Queine Hart.

LAWLESS.—January 1, 1902, at Fishburton, Balaclava-road, Marsfield, Edmund Lawless, late Inspector of Police, aged 74 years. By request, no flowers.

LAYTON.—At her residence, Crimea-street, Parramatta South, Sarah, wife of William Layton, in her 87th year.

MODRZYNSKI.—December 28th, 1901, at her daughter's residence, Wandeen, Nowra, widow of the late Stanislaw Modrzynski, aged 63 years. R.I.P.

MODRZYNSKI.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved mother, who departed this life December 28th, 1901. Inserted by her loving daughter, Annie Berthon.

SCHRAMME.—December 25, suddenly, at his residence, Oodal, Justus Charles Adolphus Schramme, son of the late Anthony Henri Christian Schramme, Surveyor-General, Bremen, Germany.

STEBBING.—January 1, 1902, at her residence, Grose Farm Hotel, Missenden-road, Camperdown, Eva Stebbing, aged 35 years.

In Memoriam.

BAIN.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, John Bain, sen., scalemaker, late of 17 Park-street, who departed this life on the 2nd January, 1874. Inserted by his loving daughter, Mrs. W. Fischer, 391 Dowling-street, Moore Park.

BAIN.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, John Bain, scalemaker, late 17 Park-street, who departed this life 2nd January, 1874. Inserted by his loving son, Samuel Bain. Dead but not forgotten. God is love.

BAIN.—In ever fond and loving memory of our dear father, John Bain, sen., scalemaker, late of No. 17 Park-street, who departed this life on the 2nd January, 1874. Inserted by his daughters, Jane Lindsay of No. 5 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, and Ann Lambley, of Clarentown.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Julia Barnett, who departed this life suddenly at Sans Souci, January 2nd, 1898. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Samuel and Rose Barnett.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Julia Barnett, who departed this life January 2nd, 1898.

You are not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last
I'll still remember thee.

Inserted by her loving daughter, Rose Goldstein.

BREMNER.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, James Bremner, who died January 2nd, 1901. Inserted by his loving wife, E. T. Bremner.

Short was the call he had from above,
Not a word to his friends could he say;
His eyes closed in death, like a babe in his sleep,
And he silently passed away.

BREMNER.—In loving memory of our dear uncle, James Bremner, who departed this life January 2nd, 1901. Inserted by his loving nephew and niece, Willie and Ettie Sutherland.

Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

BREMNER.—In affectionate remembrance of the late Inspector Bremner, who was fatally injured at the Commonwealth celebrations on Centennial Park, Jan. 1, 1901. L'homme propose, Dieu dispose. T. H.

LLOYD.—In loving memory of Jos., beloved son of Richard Lloyd, of Adelaide, and brother of Tom Lloyd, of Melbourne, died January 2nd, 1900. R.I.P.

LLOYD.—In fond remembrance of our dear friend, Joseph Lloyd, who died at Melbourne January 2nd, 1900. Inserted by R. C. Chamberlain and J. Tomlin. R.I.P.

PAXTON.—In loving memory of my dear father, who died at sea on 2nd January, 1901. Thy will be done. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and James Riley, 11 Bridge-road, Pyrmont.

PAXTON.—In loving memory of my dear father, who died on January 2nd, 1901, at sea, lat. 14.04 S., long. 114.19. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Florence Paxton, 128 Mullens-street, Balmain.

PAXTON.—In loving memory of my dear brother, James Paxton, who died at sea, 2nd January, 1901. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving sister and daughter, Mrs. E. Campbell and Elsie Paxton, 11 Bridge-road, Pyrmont.

SHENTON.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Samuel Edmund, who died in Gravesend Hospital, London, 2nd January, 1901, aged 19 years and 3 months. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his father and mother, H. and M. Shenton, and sister and brother, H. and H. Jackson.

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ORMUZ	6387	F. S. Symons	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23
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†ORIZABA	6287	R. Archer	April 9	April 15	April 17
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MELBOURNE	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE, transhipping to Port Pirie, Cossack, and North-west ports	Paroo, Friday, January 10
BRISBANE	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Jan. 4 Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
MARYBOROUGH	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Jan. 4 Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
BUNDABERG	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Jan. 4
GLADSTONE	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
ROCKHAMPTON	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Jan. 4 (Without transhipment.) Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7
AND ALL QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 7 Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 14
TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, THURSDAY ISL., NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Jan. 4 (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
NOUMEA, LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA } FIJI	Birksgate, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 2

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CARGO LANDED AT JETTY WHARF, TOWNSVILLE, WHEN REQUIRED, AT CURRENT RATES.

STEWARDESS CARRIED IN THE SECOND CABIN.

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Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney, noon.
KUMANO MARU	5000	E. Wilson Haswell	6th Feb.
YAWATA MARU	4000	A. E. Moses	6th March
KASUGA MARU	4000	H. Fraser	3rd April
KUMANO MARU	5000	E. Wilson Haswell	8th May
YAWATA MARU	4000	A. E. Moses	5th June
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R.M.S.	Sydney.	Auckland	S. F'cisco.	London.
SIERRA	Jan. 7	Jan. 11	Jan. 27	Feb. 7
SONOMA	Jan. 28	Feb. 1	Feb. 17	Feb. 28
VENTURA	Feb. 18	Feb. 22	March 11	March 21
and in rotation thereafter.	March 11	March 15	March 31	April 11
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TO WEST and SOUTH AUSTRALIAN, VICTORIAN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS.

FOR	
MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL	Peregrine, Saturday, Jan. 4, 12 noon. Buninyong, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5 p.m. Leura, Saturday, Jan. 11, 12 noon.
ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Gabo, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
ALBANY, FREMANTLE (transhipping for Geraldton)	Gabo, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5 p.m. (No transhipment.)
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, ROCKHAMPTON	Tyrian, Saturday, Jan. 4, 12 noon. Kooowarra, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5 p.m. Peregrine, Saturday, Jan. 11, 12 noon.
GLADSTONE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE	Tyrian, Saturday, Jan. 4, 12 noon. Peregrine, Saturday, Jan. 11, 12 noon.
LUCINDA POINT (Dungeness), GERALDTON, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, &c., &c.	Lass o' Gowrie from Townsville weekly. Passengers and cargo booked through.

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For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports):—

WESTRALIA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, NOON.

For AUCKLAND, GISBORNE, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN (transhipping to outports):—

ZEALANDIA, WEDNESDAY, January 15, 4 p.m.

ELINGAMITE, WEDNESDAY, January 29, 4 p.m.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—WESTRALIA, WEDNESDAY, January 29.

TASMANIA.

HOBART (direct)—
TAMBO, THURSDAY, January 9, 4 p.m.

LAUNCESTON (Transhipping at Melbourne)—
ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, January 7.
From MELBOURNE (direct)—COOGEE, January 2, 7, 11, 16, 21, 25, 30.

MELBOURNE and GEELONG—
ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, January 7.
BURRUMBEET, FRIDAY, January 10.

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The following magnificent steamers will leave SYDNEY for NATAL, CAPETOWN, and LONDON, as follows:—

Name of Steamer.	Commander.	Tons Regr.	Leave Sydney.
NINEVEH	N. Allan	3900	Jan. 3
MORAVIAN	A. Simpson	4500	Jan. 24
AUSTRALASIAN	T. F. Spalding	3700	Feb. 14

FARES.

	Saloon.	3rd Class.
London	£55	£16 8s 3d to £20 15s 10d
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All the above have splendid accommodation, and will carry a surgeon and a stewardess.

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Only 1st and 3rd class passengers carried.

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S.S. NINEVEH.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

Passengers by the above steamer are hereby notified that she will be despatched from Dalgety's Wharf on FRIDAY, the 3rd January, at 12 noon punctually.

DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited, Agents.

WHITE STAR LINE.

LONDON and LIVERPOOL, via CAPETOWN, calling at Plymouth.

The Magnificent New Twin-screw Steamer RUNIC, 12,500 TONS, TO SAIL ON OR ABOUT 18th JANUARY.

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In accordance with regulations governing immigration to Natal and Cape Colony all passengers for South Africa by steamers of the Aberdeen or White Star lines sailing after the 1st January must be provided with and must produce for inspection the necessary permits entitling them to land on arrival at the port of destination.

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THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.

From Clarence Wharf, 3 Sussex-street (weather and bars permitting):—

CLARENCE RIVER.—Nymboida, Saturday, 9 p.m.
RICHMOND RIVER.—City of Grafton, Thursday, 4 p.m.
MACLEAY RIVER.—Burrawong, Thursday, noon.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Thursday, 9 p.m.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, Thursday, noon.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Burrawong, Thursday, noon (transhipping into Eureka).
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Cargo received up to 5 p.m. daily; Saturday up to 1 p.m.
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SALOON: Single, 5s 6d; Return, 8s 6d, available 2 months. STEERAGE, 3s each way.

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PORT MACQUARIE, HASTINGS RIVER, &c.—The favourite s.s. Hastings, from Taylor's Whf., Miller's-street, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, Thurs., 10 A.M. Sharp. Comf. Accom., stewardess. 'Phone, 143 Glebe.

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CAPE HAWKE and WALLAMBA RIVER.—S.S. Commonwealth. Passengers and Cargo, Taylor's Whf., Pyrmont, TO-MORROW, Friday, 11 A.M. Sharp. Cargo now received. 'Phone, 143 Glebe.

GOSFORD and WYONG.—The new Saloon Steamer WOY WOY leaves Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Wharf, Circular Quay, TUESDAY and FRIDAY, 8 a.m., as usual, embracing 20 miles of river scenery, and returning to Sydney same day, about 7 p.m. Cargo and passengers. Fare, 2s 6d, return 4s. C. STEPHENSON.

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LEFT, 9.55 train to Como, lady's silver-mounted Umbrella. Rwd., Lord Jersey Htl., Eliz.-st., nr. rlwy.

LOST, Friday night, CAP off wheel. Reward, 320 Parramatta-rd., opp. Hatte's, Leichhardt.

LOST, New Year's Day, betw. Paddington and Lady Martin's Bch., pr. Specs. Rd., 27 Cambridge-st., Pad.

LOST, Black Tan Sheep DOG, nail off toe near hind foot. Apply police station, Newtown.

LOST, Randwick Races, Gold BRACELET, amethyst and pearls. Reward. 8A Market-st.

LOST, by child, small Gold Wishing-bone BROOCH. Reward, 151 Dowling-st., Woolloomooloo.

LOST, bet. Dowling and Oxford sts., on 31st, a Gold Pencil in Saunders' case. Rew. 335 Harris-st., Pyrm.

LOST, Purse, initials A. P., Tues., bet. King-st. and A. Hordern. Miss Paul, St. Mark's Cottage, Darling Pt.

LOST, on 27th Dec., PURSE, contg. Rosary Beads and 1s. Reward at Oddfellows' Hotel, Geo.-st., Haymkt.

LOST or Strayed from 16 St. James'-rd., W'ley, BULL-DOG, brindle and white. Reward at above.

LOST, Monday night, Sable and White Collie DOG. No. 4 Moore Park-terrace, Regent-st., Paddington.

LOST, bet. Forsyth-st. and Glebe P.O., 2-bar gold Brooch. Rew. Merkara, Avona-avenue, Glebe.

LOST, massive chn. Bangle, nghbhd. of Haymkt. Handsome rwd., Freemasons' Htl., 356 C'reagh-st., Hmkt.

LOST, Tues. morn., betw. A. Hordern's and rly., Parcel Lace. Rwd., Tarrawyn, Barnsbury Grove, Dh. Hill.

LOST, Gold Medal, opp. Ormond-st., Paddington. Rew. Name on back. Spencer and Simpson, 186 Sussex-st.

LOST, Elizabeth-st. to railway, Collecting BOOK, 31st Decr. Good reward return to 99 King-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, a Lot of Valuable Goods through not paying cash and Collecting Co-operative Coupons.
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LOST, between city and Macleay-street, a Black-and-Gold Memoriam RING. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Hotel Metropole.

LOST, 30th inst., between A. B. C. Cafe and Hunter-street, Gold WATCH (monogram and crest), Gold Curb Chain, and Pencil. Good reward. Private Hospital, Manly.

ONE Pound Reward.—Lost, black Kelpie Dog, one ear shrivelled up. Belgravia House, 142 Phillip-st., city.

REWARD.—Lost, from Darlinghurst, CANARY, with deformed foot. Apply 261 Forbes-st.

REWARD.—LOST, Syd Cricket Grnd. Ticket. A. W. Britton, 5 Richmond-terrace, top Hunter-st., domain.

REWARD, £5, for information leading to the conviction of the persons who removed IRON GATE and damaged STONE WALL on morning of 1st January at SEACOMBE, DRUMMOYNE.

STRAYED, 2 clutches Chickens. Finder return T. H. J. Robinson, Hornsby. Det. pros. after this notice.

STRAYED, Golden Collie Dog, Pilot. Rew. Detainers pros. Yaralla, Burren-st., Newtown.

FOUND, Ship's BOAT; if not claimed within 7 days will be sold. Fuller's Wharf, Annandale.

FOUND, Roan MARE. Owner can have same by paying expenses. G. Melit, Corso, Manly.

Meetings.

SYDNEY EXCHANGE COMPANY.

The Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the Sydney Exchange Company will be held at the Royal Exchange on MONDAY, 20th January next, at noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, together with the Statements of Accounts for the six months ending December 31, 1901, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board.
CHAS. H. HAYES, Secretary.
Royal Exchange, December 30th, 1901.

CARRINGTON HALL, DRUMMOYNE.—A Public MEETING of Ratepayers to discuss the Municipal Situation, TO-NIGHT at 8.
H. B. FISHER.

N.S.W. AMALGAMATED RAILWAY and TRAMWAY SERVICE ASSOCIATION.—Sydney Branch MEET in No. 9 room, Trades' Hall, To-night, at 7.45.
A. E. PRENTICE, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-WALLSEND COAL COMPANY.

Incorporated by Act of Parliament.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, South British-chambers, Bridge-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of JANUARY instant, at NOON, to receive the Report of the Directors for the half-year ended 31st December, 1901; to Elect a Director in place of Mr. Peter Reid, who retires by rotation, is eligible for re-election, and has given the requisite notice of candidature; to Elect two Auditors; and to transact such further business as may be brought before the meeting in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board.
JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.
Sydney, 2nd January, 1902.

Candidates for the office of Director are required to give notice in writing to the Board of Directors, to be left at the Head Office of the Company fourteen days at least before the day of election.

1902.

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Roberts' Special Old Scotch	2s 6d
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SINGLE BOTTLES AT WHOLESALE PRICES.
Celebrated Wolfe's Schnapps, 4s 6d, 2s 6d.
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Usher's Special Reserve Whisky, 4s 6d.
Teacher's Highland Cream Whisky, 4s 3d.
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The aggregate monthly quantities will be about 1500 tons Ox Beef, equal numbers fores and hinds, of an average weight of 175lb. per quarter, and 500 tons wether Mutton, of an average weight of 50lb. per carcase.

The quotations are to be on the basis of c.i.f., Durban, Port Elizabeth, and or Capetown; the first shipment to be made in April, 1902.

Approved sureties will be required of tenderer's ability to execute contract.

Tenders to be sent to us in sealed envelope, and endorsed thereon "Tender for Frozen Beef and Mutton, South Africa."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Further particulars will be given to intending tenderers, either by letter or telegraph, on application to

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Public Notices.

LOWEST INTEREST IN AUSTRALIA.—£1 LENT for 1d per MONTH on jewellery, diamonds, silver, plate, &c., at TREEN'S MONT DE PIETE, 106 Market-street, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets.

EXHIBITION AND PURCHASE OF OIL AND WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS OF OLD SYDNEY.

The Minister for Public Works, being desirous of preserving some pictorial record of "Old Sydney," invites artists to send in Oil or Water-colour Drawings of Old Buildings, Streets, or places of historic or picturesque interest in and around Sydney. Pictures from "The Rocks," on account of the contemplated reconstruction of that area, will receive prior consideration. The Minister is prepared to purchase sufficient of the works submitted if of adequate merit to form the nucleus of a public collection.

The Minister proposes that after the selection of suitable work a public exhibition of the pictures received shall take place, from which indifferent or inartistic drawings will be excluded.

The following rules are published for the guidance of intending competitors:—

1st. All work should be addressed to the Secretary of the City Improvement Advisory Board, 72A Phillip-street, Sydney, and should reach that address free of expense between the hours of 9 and 4.30 on (or before) March the 21st, 1902.
2nd. A sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary, and containing the Artist's name and address, should be attached to each picture submitted.
3rd. Any work bearing the Artist's name, signature, or initials will be disqualified.
4th. Only original work of a sufficiently high artistic standard will be exhibited.
5th. All pictures must be suitably framed.

STEPHEN MILLS, Engineer and Secretary.
City Improvement Advisory Board, Sydney, 30th December, 1901.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—We have this day admitted Mr. G. A. F. BELISARIO into PARTNERSHIP, and beg to notify that the business hitherto carried on by him under the name of FRASER and BELISARIO, Solicitors, at 60 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, will in future be amalgamated with our own, and carried on under the name of BOWMAN and MACKENZIE, Solicitors, at 273 George-street, corner of Margaret-street.
BOWMAN and MACKENZIE.
Sydney, 1st January, 1902.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, Limited.

BANKERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEENSLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST on the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES and TREASURY BILLS, payable in this State on 1st JANUARY, 1902, will be paid at the Sydney Branch, 99 Pitt-street, on production of the Coupons.
WILLIAM SEWELL, Manager.
Sydney, 31st December, 1901.

GOVERNMENT RESUMPTIONS.

My success in dealing with Claims warrants me in offering my services to those Owners whose Claims are not yet settled.
BENJAMIN JAMES, 49 Castlereagh-street.

LAND AND INCOME TAX.

The undersigned is prepared to Adjust and make out Owners' Returns.
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HOTELKEEPERS and TOBACCONISTS.—The New SPOTS and POKER MACHINE for SALE, also Old Patterns, new and s. hand. Poker Machines Repaired. All parts kept in stock.
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WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainspring, 2s; Repairs guaranteed one year.
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IF Contractor does not go on with Cottage in Gould-street, Canterbury, within three days, I will have the work done at his risk.
J. HOGAN, 10 Hugo-street, Redfern.

MESSRS. J. A. DOWLING and TAYLER, SOLICITORS, have REMOVED from 29 O'Connell-street to the SECOND FLOOR of the STOCK EXCHANGE-BUILDINGS, 113 PITT-STREET.

JOHN LAWLER and SONS (established 1860), Wire Mattress and Bedding Manufacturers. Mattresses Cleaned and Remade. Telephone No., 66. Steam Factories, Nos. 6, 8, 10 Union-lane, Brickfield-hill.

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FOR SALE, ENVELOPES to you, and many of them, 2s per 1000. Phillips, 91 Market-st.

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IRON or W.B. BUILDING or SHED, for removal, wanted. H. Arnold Mole and Co., 88 King-st.

FOR Sale, Gal. Iron, Slates, Doors, Windows, Joists, all s.h. Building Material. 271 Castlereagh-st.

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Department of Public Service Tender Board,
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TENDERS will be received at the Board's Office, 6 Bligh-street, up to 2.15 p.m. on FRIDAY, 3rd January, 1902, for the Purchase of a quantity of Machinery now lying at the Government Printing Office, where the Machinery may be inspected and tender forms obtained. For further particulars see Government Gazette.

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Nominations, accompanied by first forfeit of 1 sov., to be made with the Secretary A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 p.m. on Monday, 6th January, 1902.

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Specifications can be seen and all information obtained upon application to the undersigned.
E. W. GRIERSON,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Redfern,
18th December, 1901.

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THIS DAY, at 10 a.m.
On the Premises, KING-STREET, CITY,
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STOCK-IN-TRADE OF A TOBACCONIST.
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THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp.
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On the Premises,
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at 11 o'clock a.m.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
See detailed list in Saturday's Herald.

GIBBS and CO. (H. POLLARD, Auctioneer) have been favoured with instructions to sell as above, without any Reserve.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales,
Sheriff's Office, Sydney,
30th December, 1901.
A. MARTIN v. BISHOP, WM.

ON THURSDAY, the 2nd day of JANUARY, 1902, at noon, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at corner of Harbour and Little Hay streets, Darling Harbour,
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AT THE SCENE OF THE LATE FIRE,
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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.
A FULL CONFESSION.

She had never looked more beautiful than now, as she stood there, with her figure erect, her cheeks flushed, a curiously bright gleam in her eyes, an anxiety, a wistfulness in her manner as if her life hung on his answer. But none came. He gazed at her a moment longer, then, turning away, walked to the door.

"I should like you to tell Winifred," she murmured, and, bowing slightly, Roger left the room. Her last words pointed his direction, although in any event he might have sought Mrs. Mallett, since to talk to somebody seemed an absolute necessity. But Gwendoline's request removed any scruple which he might have felt, and having reached Grosvenor Gardens, without the least preamble, he confounded Winifred by repeating all that he had heard in Grandison-street. Gwendoline's personality appeared to contradict the story; Mrs. Mallett knew no girl of whom it would have sounded half as improbable. Tears were in her eyes before Roger finished, and for some time she sat staring blankly at the bowl of flowers on the table.

"Even now," she said presently, "I can scarcely realise it. To imagine that child a mother! One shudders to think of her future. You know the life she has grown used to—she loves admiration, she is reckless, impulsive—the past proves that. I shudder to think of her future."

"She will marry Smeaton," was the answer. "She will become the Countess of Arreton; if he were only a reasonably decent chap it is almost what I should wish for."

"A change has come over the spirit of your dream, Roger."

"That is right," he said. "She was the spirit of my dream. But she has changed, and I'm awake."

"Does it feel painful?" she asked, watching his face.

"It seems to transcend pain," he returned. "My gods have fallen. As I listened to her I seemed to lose my bearings."

"What induced her to tell you?" asked Winifred.

"For one thing, Miss Gresham's conduct appears to have filled her with a kind of exaltation," he explained. "Oh, she is capable of great things! I find it hard to make the least allowance—for the reason that she has sinned against me. I was ludicrously hoodwinked. I loved the frankest, the most innocent maiden in the world—it seems that I have suddenly discovered carefully hidden wrinkles on her face. But Miss Gresham's conduct exalted her—she could not any longer tolerate less than the truth."

"And the other reason why she told you?" Winifred persisted.

Rising from his chair, Roger began to pace the room.

"I besought her not to marry Smeaton," he said, "and—and she begged me to suggest an alternative."

"You could not do that?"

"Her eyes were a challenge—an invitation," he exclaimed.

"Poor child!"

"Yes," he continued, "I could not help pitying her. For heaven's sake, don't think me a coxcomb, but I have known for months that she——"

"She loves you—you believe that?" said Winifred.

"She stood at the parting of the ways!" he exclaimed. "It was her last hope."

"And you crushed it?" said Winifred. "She was half distracted; she saw no way of finding a home for herself and her child but by marriage; she offered herself to the man she loves, and he rejected her."

"He rejected her!" Roger answered.

"Yet a few hours ago you would have insisted that you loved her also?"

"God knows I did love her," he said.

"Your love was not infinite, Roger!"

"I loved a kind of phantasm—she has no objective existence," he answered.

"I wonder," Winifred suggested, looking gravely into his face, "whether, if your life were laid bare to her, she would think that she too had loved a phantasm. Roger, Roger, how you deceive yourself!"

"How?" he demanded.

"After all," was the answer, "Gwendoline has done nothing heinous. Don't misunderstand me! It would break my heart if Maude were to do the same. But a secret marriage is not a crime. If she has been deceitful about it, give her credit for the desire to spare Lord Arreton! The fact is, you are merely jealous."

"Jealous of Smeaton!" he cried contemptuously.

"Oh, dear, no."

"Of whom, then?" he asked.

"Of her dead husband. For anything else, you could have forgiven her easily enough."

"It isn't a question of forgiveness," he answered. "I am not fool enough to think she has committed the unpardonable sin—it isn't that at all."

"Then what is it?" asked Winifred.

"She is—well, she is different from what I imagined. I never wish to see her face again. Willingly, I never will see it," said Roger.

CHAPTER XVIII.
IN THE MIDST OF LIFE.

Howard made his visits to Capulet-square as few as possible, but he could not neglect Mrs. Reeves entirely. He had a guilty conscience; one fault made many, and Gwendoline's deception prevented Howard from being candid. Having determined that he should marry Lord Arreton's daughter, Mrs. Reeves became eager to hear at the least that her nephew was affianced, and she never saw him without complaining of the delay.

But calling in Capulet-square shortly after Roger Mallett's enlightenment, Howard found Mrs. Reeves in a condition of unusual excitement, which was accounted for by the fact that she had received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reeves. Mrs. Reeves the younger had retired from the stage; she had succeeded in creating an extremely favourable impression, whilst Lester was lauded in comparison with his successor in the old lady's favour. On the whole, it was impossible to resist the suspicion that Howard's apparently inevitable fall would be followed by the other's reinstatement.

"Well," exclaimed Mrs. Reeves, "have you brought me any news?"

"I am afraid not," answered Howard.

"What do you mean by afraid?" she demanded. "Haven't you sufficient courage to speak to the girl?"

"Oh, yes, I think I might muster enough for that," was the answer; "and it is very likely," he added, a little annoyed by her constant girding, "I shall bring you some news before long."

"I hope you will," said Mrs. Reeves. "But there! you can take an ox to the water, but you can't make it drink. How is Lord Arreton?" she asked.

"About as bad as he can be."

"He ought to have a nurse," she continued. "Lady Gwendoline can't be fit to attend to him, and I suppose there's no one else."

"The butler acts as a sort of nurse," Howard explained, "and then there's Miss Gresham, you know."

"Who is Miss Gresham?" she demanded.

"Lady Gwendoline's cousin—you may remember I've mentioned her before," said Howard, thinking it might be judicious to make Mrs. Reeves familiar with Verena's name.

"If I remembered, I shouldn't ask," was the answer. "You ought to know better than to remind me if I have a bad memory. You forget I am an old woman. Oh, so there's Miss Gresham!" she added suspiciously.

"Verena, you know!"

"Verena!" cried Mrs. Reeves, mimicking his voice. "And pray how old is this Verena?"

"I should say she's about two-and-twenty."

"Then I imagine she is thirty," exclaimed Mrs. Reeves. "You said Lady Gwendoline was twenty-one when she was eighteen. Is she plain?"

"Do you mean Verena?" asked Howard.

"Of course I mean Verena—you know very well I can't mean anyone else!"

"Why, no," answered Howard in a satisfied tone; "she isn't plain. I think she's most awfully pretty."

"Humph!" she ejaculated, and Howard felt so uncomfortable that he took an early opportunity of saying good-bye. Although it was somewhat late, he called in Grandison-street that evening, but hearing from Dawkes that both Verena and Gwendoline were in Lord Arreton's room Howard went away without seeing either of them.

(To be continued.)

THE AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

INTER-STATE RIFLE MATCH.

A friendly rifle contest between the several units of the Australian Engineers took place on December 21 at their respective butts. This inter-state competition emanated from Major Stuart-Cansdell, V.D., who when the New South Wales Engineers and their comrades of other States visited Melbourne in connection with the Duke of Cornwall and York celebrations, suggested a revival of the intercolonial contests of 1875 and 1881. The idea was hailed with great satisfaction, and so in response to a challenge from New South Wales the Victorian, Queensland, and Tasmanian Engineers made this test of rifle prowess. The conditions agreed upon were:—1. One team from each State. 2. Each team to comprise 10 men. 3. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. 4. Seven shots and two sighters at each range, sighting shots not to be counted in score. 5. Second-class targets with 20in. bullseye to be used. 6. Match to be fired at respective grounds and with respective weapons. Major Stuart-Cansdell acted here as referee for absent teams, whilst the same office was performed in Melbourne by Major J. W. Parnell, S.O.E.; in Hobart by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Reid, Staff; and in Brisbane by Captain J. Hesketh. Tasmania won, New South Wales being second, Victoria third, and Queensland last. The following are the scores:—

1. TASMANIAN TEAM.

Corporal Holbrook, 500 yards 31, 600 yards 31—total 62; Sapper Crowhurst, 30, 35—65; Lieutenant C. B. Davies, 29, 18—47; Captain Parker, 22, 19—41; Corporal Fletcher, 29, 27—56; Corporal Miller, 33, 25—58; Sergeant-major Watt, 23, 19—42; Sapper Livingston, 30, 28—58; Sergeant Easther, 30, 28—58; and Lieutenant C. Davis, 30, 23—53. Grand total, 540.

2. NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM.

Sergeant-major Tate, 30, 23—53; Sapper Palmer, 32, 24—56; Quartermaster-sergeant D. Sullivan, 30, 21—51; Warrant-officer Sheldon, 27, 29—56; Lieutenant Warden, 31, 16—47; Corporal R. French, 24, 24—48; Sapper Legge, 29, 23—52; Sapper Powell, 29, 22—51; Quartermaster-sergeant M. Meaney, 33, 30—63; and Sergeant Panthin, 25, 27—52. Grand total, 529.

3. VICTORIAN TEAM.

Captain Wilkinson, 21, 28—49; Sergeant-Major Simmonds, 25, 19—44; Sergeant-Major Drinkwater, 27, 31—58; Sergeant-Major Paton, 30, 23—53; Sergeant-Major Edwards, 26, 23—49; Sergeant Tootell, 25, 29—54; Corporal Cotter, 24, 24—48; Sapper Bishop, 25, 11—36; Sapper Healy, 25, 19—44; and Sapper Sharp, 33, 27—60. Grand total, 495.

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WATERLOO FIRE BRIGADE.

The members of the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Brigade, after 22 years' service in the district, have handed in their resignations to the Fire Brigades' Board and disbanded as a company. The resignations have been accepted by the board, and yesterday a staff of five members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was placed in the station to take charge of the local fire-fighting appliances. Several reasons influenced the members of the volunteer brigade to take the step they did. Chief among these was the growing requirements of the district demanding more time and service than the volunteer members of the brigade could afford to bestow. It is the intention of the board, for the present at any rate, to retain the appliances now in use at the local fire station, without adding to them in any way, but ultimately improved engines, &c., will be introduced. The present station adjoins the local Town Hall, in Elizabeth-street, on land for which a 21 years' lease was obtained from the local municipal council. That lease has still a few years to run. At the termination of the lease it is proposed to obtain more central premises in the neighbourhood of the Botany-road, but in the meantime matters will remain unaltered.

GOOD TEMPLARY.

The week-end public meeting, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars, was held in the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, on Saturday night. Mr. A. G. Morton, C.T., presided over a very large attendance. A short temperance address was delivered by Bro. Fox, P.D.E.S., and a musical programme was carried out, amongst those who contributed items being Misses Palmer and Saunders, Messrs. Stockwell, Russell, Higgins, Heckly, Archer, Robinson, Jersey, and Denning.

A FRANTIC BOLT.

THE CASE OF MRS. M. NELSON.

(By a Suburban Reporter.)

The numerous accidents which have been recorded in the local press since the inauguration of the electric tram service in Sydney lend considerable weight to objections expressed when the scheme was in its infancy. The limited accommodation in George-street for the running of tram cars, combined with the everyday excessive vehicular traffic in that thoroughfare, was wisely prognosticated as a source of danger. But accidents appear to be an essential feature of the uncertainty of existence. They occur where congested traffic is unknown. For instance, Mrs. Mary Nelson, of No. 9 Stephen-street, Balmain, related to a reporter a catastrophe which happened, in which that lady was the central figure.

"Some years ago we were keeping an hotel in Newcastle, and in order to get a little relaxation from business I was accustomed to go out driving. One day, in company with three other ladies, I met with a serious mishap. We were jogging along quite comfortably till negotiating a bend in the road, when we espied several men standing close by with green bushes in their hands, which they were waving. Coming upon them suddenly caused our horse a fright, and, taking full control of the turnout himself, he made a frantic bolt. We were not destined to remain long in the buggy, which completely capsized, throwing its occupants to the ground with great violence."

"Were you very much hurt?"

"I was nearly killed outright. I was picked up in an unconscious condition, and taken home apparently lifeless. My nose was broken, and great disfigurement of the face had resulted. I was battered and bruised beyond recognition, and the doctors despaired of my features ever regaining their normal state. Blood escaped profusely from my wounds, and I sustained a terrible shock to the system. For months I lay in a very critical condition, and it was a long time before I could show myself in public. My head ached incessantly, sometimes being marked by sharp darting pains, or else the affection was heavy and depressing. Even in the daytime I had a sensation as though everything was dancing in a confused jumble in front of me. Like the animal that caused my suffering, my nerves were uncontrollable. They were ever quivering and shaking, both night and morn, with spasmodic jerks that resembled a shock of electricity. Then, too, my rest was uncertain and disturbed, many a night going past with only an hour or so's sleep. My aching limbs could not find a comfortable position to adopt, so I was consequently tossing from side to side."

"What sort of an appetite had you?"

"A very poor one—or, rather, no appetite at all. The sight of food sickened me, and I have been days and days without a morsel passing my lips. The bad taste in my mouth made me revolt when nourishment was handed to me. Eruptions came out on my face, making my appearance more unsightly. I had not enough strength to walk, assistance being necessary for almost every movement. Being absolutely helpless and dejected, and suffering at the same time the most exquisite pains, my life was unbearable."

"Were the doctors hopeful of your recovery?"

"They gave me the most encouraging assurances in that respect from day to day, but their medicines did not act at all with advantage. The nervousness and weakness were just as pronounced as ever, the pains were unabated. My blood was still out of order, as shown by the eruptions."

"When did you commence to mend?"

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND (TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP) DAY.

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HOOP IRON RUNS AWAY WITH TATTERSALL'S CUP.

Judge, Mr. J. B. Olliffe; stewards, the committee of Tattersall's Club; handicapper, Mr. J. Daly; starter, Mr. T. Watson; hon. timekeeper, Mr. G. T. Alcock; clerk of the scales, Mr. Charles Perry; clerk of the course, Mr. Joseph Kean; secretary, Mr. J. B. Olliffe.

Beautiful clear weather was experienced for the second day of the annual meeting of Tattersall's Club at Randwick yesterday. There was a big attendance, in which an unusually large proportion of ladies was noticeable; but though the patronage was quite up to previous records, it was not equal to the numbers recorded on Boxing Day. The light rains which had recently fallen had improved the tracks and grounds and laid the dust, and a very enjoyable afternoon's sport was provided. While riding in the Steeplechase Chevally got a nasty fall when Grafter came down, and escaped with a severe shaking. During the intervals between the races proceedings were enlivened by selections of music played by Mr. De Groen's brass band. The arrangements under the supervision of the secretary, Mr. J. B. Olliffe, were carried out in the usual satisfactory manner.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

The grandstand and lawns were particularly well patronised for New Year's Day when so many other attractions were provided. The majority of dresses worn by the ladies were in excellent taste. The materials were simple, but good, and the silks and laces with which they were trimmed added to the general effect and beauty of the gathering. Mrs. Hemsley wore a black voile, the sailor collar and revers being edged with cream lace, and a vest of cream lace, and her white toque was trimmed with chiffon, a lovely dark crimson rose giving just the touch of colour necessary. Mrs. Close's black silk grenadine was worn over white silk, and was trimmed with black lace insertion, the collar and revers on the bodice were of white, covered with tinted guipure, and a vest of cream lace, black toque. Miss Bowyer wore a cream alpaca skirt with a white silk blouse having a lace yoke and collar threaded with gold, and a white crinoline hat with yellow roses, and white feathers. Mrs. Macnamara's fawn-coloured glace silk was much tucked, and handsomely trimmed with lace to match; the Russian tucked bodice opened over a pale blue vest, and was caught in front with a bunch of dark violets, black hat. Miss Wentworth was in white, her white hat being trimmed with pale pink and a touch of black. Mrs. Arthur Lassetter's soft white Liberty silk was trimmed with insertion, and worn over pale green, and her white hat was trimmed with white roses and green leaves. Mrs. Gordon wore a fawn-coloured voile trimmed with cream guipure, and a Tuscan straw with black and white silk. Mrs. Squer's dark blue and white spotted muslin was strapped with bands of dark blue silk, and had a vest and collar of cream muslin and [illegible], and she also wore a black toque. Mrs. [illegible] Lee was in black brocade, with cream lace [illegible] and a black and white bonnet. Mrs. H. [illegible], wore a cream voile skirt trimmed with handsome guipure insertion, with a pale blue silk blouse with cream lace vest, and a burnt straw hat with palest pink roses and a black velvet bow. Mrs. Walter Hall was in white grass lawn profusely tucked, and a black straw toque trimmed with chiffon and velvet. Miss Kirk wore a black and grey muslin with sailor collar and front of cream guipure lace, and a black hat trimmed with black chiffon and black feathers. Miss Mackay was in white, with a black toque. Miss Brown wore white muslin, with a Tuscan straw hat trimmed with navy blue silk with white spots. Miss Manning was in white tucked silk, with a white hat trimmed with nasturtiums. Her sister also wore white. Miss Levien was in pale blue voile with lace insertion, and a black picture hat. Miss Kelso King wore white muslin, with a white hat trimmed with pink roses and black velvet ribbon. Miss Olive King was also in white, with a large black hat. Mrs. Jameison wore pink floral muslin, with a cream lace collar and cream insertion, and a Tuscan straw hat trimmed with pale pink roses and touches of black. Mrs. C. J. Roberts was in black lace over white silk, and a black and white bonnet. Mrs. M. Severn wore white and black muslin over white silk, with collar and belt of heliotrope silk and a black and white toque. Miss Griffiths was in black, and her sister wore white. Miss Durham wore a white Liberty silk skirt, with a white and pale blue tucked blouse, with revers of cream lace over white silk. Mrs. R. Laidley wore blue linen, trimmed with white silk and lace and a black chiffon toque. Mrs. Merivale wore black and white foulard and a black toque. Miss Merivale was in white, with Tuscan straw hat trimmed with black and white. Mrs. Mullins wore grey voile and a cream and black hat. Miss Fosbery's heliotrope linen was trimmed with cream guipure lace on the shoulders and a vest of the same, and a Tuscan straw hat with heliotrope flowers and touches of blue. Miss Trenchard wore a blue voile skirt strapped with blue silk and a blue silk tucked blouse, with a collar of cream lace and white chiffon front, Tuscan straw hat trimmed with pink and red roses and touches of black. Mrs. Carlisle Taylor was in cornflower blue voile with a tucked bolero, the skirt had a slight train and was trimmed with cream guipure insertion; she wore a black hat. Mrs. Little wore a cream serge coat and skirt with pink and blue silk revers, white silk vest with touches of rose pink and a white hat. Miss Hordern's pale blue crepe de chine was trimmed with cream lace and insertion, and she had a pale blue glace silk hat with a black choux in front. Mrs. R. Terry was in black brocade with a white collar and vest and a black and white toque. Miss Richards wore a cream voile skirt with a pink and white pompadour silk blouse, and a burnt straw hat trimmed with sweet peas. Miss Ranken, white muslin and lace, and crinoline straw hat, trimmed with red roses. Amongst others present were:—Mr. C. B. Fairfax, Colonel Hunt, Colonel Holdsworth, Captain H. Darley, Captain Dangar, Mr. Fosbery, Mr. Gordon, Mr. W. Hall, Mr. Horsfall, Mr. Lassetter, Mr. Kelso King, Mr. Austen, Mr. Hemsley, Dr. Cox, Mr. Merivale, Mr. Cape, Mr. Alec Busby, Mr. Hawkins Smith, Mr. Carlisle Taylor, Mr. Colin Caird, Mr. P. H. Osborne, Mr. MacGeorge, Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. W. Mort, Mr. W. Martin, Mr. Theo. Marks, Mr. Gaden, Mr. F. Osborne, Mr. W. Campbell, Mr. J. Eales, Dr. Scheidel, Mr. W. Busby, Mr. C. Laidley, Mr. R. Terry, Mr. Cope, and Mr. H. Gilchrist.

THE RACING.

The business of the day opened with the Flying Welter, for which 11 were stripped, and most demand was for Klimbo and Insect, the former having the call in the market at the close of operations, while Spring Rose, Bulli, and Mairp were the best backed of the others. Want, who had the mount on Insect, took the gelding to the front with the rise of the barrier, and the son of Beauchamp giving a repetition of his Lady Hopetoun Stakes performance, won from end to end in the easiest manner possible. Nous chased the winner all the way, but could not make any impression on him; but Cordon, who only appeared on the scene at the distance, came with a brilliant run, and, passing his horses in great style, just got beaten out of second place. The favourite ran most disappointingly, and never flattered his supporters at any stage of the game.

The Nursery Handicap also brought out a field of 11, and most public money was invested on the chances of Good Speed and Lord Middleton, who for some time disputed the honours of favouritism, but the first-named had the call in the market at the rise of the barrier. Cimmaron and Patentee were next in request, and at extended prices some money was put on Point Piper, The Trustee, and Milano. Patentee got rid of his rider before the start, and eventually the field were despatched on good terms, but Point Piper immediately dashed out, and making one act of it, won with consummate ease. The favourite did not show up until fairly in the straight, and finished a bad second, while Lord Middleton never gave his supporters any hope. The winner is a son of the Chester horse, Projectile and Hirondelle, by Lochiel, and the ring benefited considerably by his success.

The fact that Cast Iron had been put up 13lb. for his Carrington Stakes victory did not deter his party from according the son of Beauchamp sound support for the New Year's Gift. He opened favourite, and a little money was got on at 4 to 1, but he rapidly hardened in the market, and 7 to 4 was the best price to be had about him at the rise of the barrier. T.M.S. was also consistently backed, but long prices were obtainable about the others. Soon after the start the favourite and Victory drew clear from the field, and raced together to the bend, where Cast Iron drew out, and carrying his burden like a tradesman, went on and won with the greatest ease from Bother, while Bongara came with a late run from the distance, and passed his horses in great style, but had to be content with the unprofitable situation. The official time for the race (1 minute 13 seconds) equals the best records put up for that distance by Kirry and Fulminate, but there is a doubt as to its correctness, as private watches registered at least a second more for the race.

The only withdrawals from Tattersall's Cup were Patronage and Horace, and 14 were saddled up for the principal event of the meeting. The overnight favourite, Khaki, held his position in the market until towards the close of operations, when the demand for Blue Metal became so strong that the latter started favourite a point shorter than the son of Grand Flaneur, who shared the honour of second favourite with Lucknow. Rabato was also in request, as were Pelissier, Naphro, and Redmond, but bar those mentioned long prices were obtainable. The start was a very indifferent one, Blue Metal being smartest away, while Nahpro and Caledonia lost a few lengths before they found their legs. Blue Metal was quickly steadied, and Redmond took temporary command, of which he was relieved by Glenore, who with Circe at his side, and Khaki and Hoop Iron at their heels, swept round the bend and into the straight. As they thundered down the running Glenore drew out and passed the judge's box with Circe and Hoop Iron at his quarters, and Khaki at the head of the others, but Richardson sent Hoop Iron to the front as they swept out of the straight, and passing Oxenham's the son of Metal was three lengths clear from Glenore, Khaki, and Circe, while the favourite was still buried in the ruck, and Lucknow had tailed off last. Bent on stealing a march on his followers, Hoop Iron gradually increased his lead, and left a gap of 10 lengths of daylight in his wake at the mile post, Khaki heading the others, while the Queenslander Circe had melted out of the leading division. Drawing further away as he raced along the back stretch, Hoop Iron was a dozen lengths clear at the six furlongs post, and several good judges of the game voiced the opinion that he would never be caught, especially as none of the others seemed like going out after the son of Metal, but a little further on Smith, who had the mount on Nahpro, realised the gravity of the situation, and sent the game little mare after the lightly-weighted son of Metal. Here the favourite began to improve his position, as also did Pelissier and Redmond, while Lulworth began to make a forward move. After passing the half-mile post, Nahpro was gradually reducing the big gap of daylight, while Blue Metal and Pelissier were coming along at the head of the others and with nearly eight lengths advantage Hoop Iron landed in the home stretch, while Nahpro had the favourite and Pelissier at her heels, Redmond and Lulworth being close up next. The severity of the pace began to tell on Hoop Iron after passing the distance, but Richardson still kept him going, Nahpro chasing him to within half a dozen strides of the post, where the favourite and Pelissier passed the mare, but could not reach Hoop Iron, who scored rather easily at the end. Nahpro, Lulworth, and Redmond were almost in line behind the placed horses, but a big gap separated them from the next division. Khaki was beaten after passing the six furlongs post; the much fancied Lucknow never gave his admirers much hope, and a like remark applies to Rabato, while the penalty for winning the Summer Cup proved too much for Caledonia, who was never in the hunt. The pace was solid from the jump, and the time (3 minutes 30 seconds) equals the record put up by Nightingale in the Cup of 1894, and is a quarter of a second better than the time registered by Crosslake in 1899. Hoop Iron was bred by Mr. J. R. Smith, of Tucka Tucka, and, when a two-year-old, accompanied San Fran and some others to Randwick to be educated by T. Payten, in whose charge he has been since he was broken in. Hoop Iron is by imported Metal—son of Sterling—from Nurse Girl (sister to Vocalist) by Gozo from Carmen, by Goldsbrough from Dolly Varden, by Lord of Linne (imp.) He ran a few times as a two-year-old, but until the beginning of last month was still a maiden. He lost his maiden qualification by winning the Warwick Handicap in good style, but a week later he failed ignominiously in the Rosehill December Handicap, won by Pelissier on the 14th ultimo. A week later he lost the A.J.C. Holiday Handicap by a very narrow margin to Golden Ring, and ran fifth in the A.J.C. Summer Cup. He was beaten out of a place in the Club Handicap, won by Cordon last Saturday, after which his party lost all faith in him, and let him run loose without backing him for Tattersall's Cup. The speculative public had apparently quite enough of him, for there was plenty of money to be had about him at 20 to 1 up to the close of operations, but even at that attractive price his friends were few and far between. Blue Metal, who ran second, has already earned distinction by winning the A.J.C. Summer Cup twice in succession, and narrowly missed repeating the performance a week ago. Pelissier, who ran third, is a full brother to Amberite, winner of the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbys and A.J.C. St. Leger, but he has not yet done much towards emulating the performances of his elder brother. Having failed to act up to expectations in the metropolitan district he was taken up country, where he won a number of races. His best performance of late was to win the Rosehill December Handicap, after which he was greatly fancied for the A.J.C. Summer Cup, but could get no nearer than seventh to Caledonia.

Oberon and Ditto declined to take part in the Steeplechase, for which half-a-dozen were stripped, and Kaimate had the call in the betting: Brokerage was next fancied, while Tarcoola, Grafter, and Satan II. each and all found friends, Volcanic being the outsider of the party. Kaimate at once assumed the responsibility of pacemaker, and with Grafter and Tarcoola to escort him, piloted the field past Oxenham's and over the hill to Kensington, where Grafter went to the front, and though he ran down some of his fences, he held command from Tarcoola and Brokerage to the final obstacles—the formidable logs at the old Derby corner—over which he came down heavily leaving Brokerage well in front of the favourite, and though the latter made a bold bid for victory as they turned into the course proper, Brokerage held him safely, and won pretty comfortably. Satan II., who was in difficulties from the start, managed to get round the course to the last fence, which he declined to negotiate, and was not persevered with.

Only nine of the 38 candidates for the Welter Handicap remained in, and all received more or less support. The bulk of the money was carried by Bengonia and Ruskin, while Queen of Sheba and Uneasy were also well backed. Uneasy, who got a slight advantage at the start, led for nearly half the journey, and was then joined by Patronize, the pair, right clear of the others, showing the way past the half-mile post and round the bend. Patronize was done with as they neared the home turn, where Queen of Sheba tackled Uneasy, and, catching the daughter of Metal at the half-distance, beat her home, the pair having the finish all to themselves, while neither Bengonia nor Ruskin was dangerous at any stage of the game. Betting was very brisk throughout, but backers of favourites had rather a bad time, inasmuch as only one popular fancy managed to catch the judge's eye, and the ring benefited accordingly. The details of the racing follow:—

FLYING WELTER.

A handicap sweepstake of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize. Lowest weight, 8st 7lb. 6 furlongs.

Mr. S. Fielder's Insect, by Beauchamp (imp.)—Spider, 4 years, 9st 7lb (L. Want) ... 1
Mr. W. H. Mate's b g Nous, by The Australian Peer—Penetration, 3 years, 8st 9lb (G. T. Godby) ... 2
Mr. R. Wootton's ch g Cordon, by Gozo (imp.)—Necklace, aged, 10st 10lb (T. Johnson) ... 3

Other starters: Bulli, 10st 12lb (J. Gough); Portland Light, 10st 7lb (E. Ames); Mairp, 9st 10lb (H. Gardiner); Klimbo, 9st 5lb (F. Kuhn); Spring Rose, 9st 3lb (J. Barden); Sonoma, 8st 10lb (S. Callinan); New Jersey, 8st 7lb (R. Brennan); Street Arab, 8st 7lb (J. M'Gee).

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Klimbo, 4 to 1 v. Insect, 5 to 1 v. Spring Rose, 7 to 1 each v. Bulli and Mairp, 8 to 1 v. Nous, 10 to 1 each v. Sonoma and Cordon.

Insect jumped off in front, and drawing out passed the five-furlongs post two lengths in advance of Nous, who was a similar distance ahead of Spring Rose, Portland Light, and Bulli, and after a like gap came Sonoma and Mairp at the head of the others, with Street Arab last. At the end of the next furlong Insect had increased his lead to four lengths, the other positions being unchanged, and so they swung round the bend and into the straight. Insect was not afterwards troubled, and cantering on at his ease won by three lengths from Nous, while Cordon, who came with a great rattle from the distance, was a head off third. Mairp was fourth, a length in front of Portland Light, Bulli, Spring Rose, and Klimbo, with Street Arab and New Jersey bringing up the rear. Time, 1 minute 14½ seconds.

NURSERY HANDICAP.

A handicap sweepstake of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize; for two-year-olds. 5½ furlongs.

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br or blk g Point Piper, by Projectile—Hirondelle, 2 years, 8st 7lb (R. Brennan) ... 1
Mr. J. Burton's ch f Good Speed, by Medallion—Ta Ta, 2 years, 7st 11lb (G. Osborne) ... 2
Mr. J. R. Blair's b c Milano, by Positano (imp.)—Mascara, 2 years, 6st 12lb (E. Courtney) ... 3

Other starters: Lord Middleton, 8st 10lb (J. Barden); Withan, 7st 12lb (D. Carmody); The Trustee (late Reliance), 7st 10lb (C. T. Godby); Patentee, 7st 10lb (H. Gardiner); Margaros, 7st 10lb (W. H. Smith); Milner, 7st 5lb (A. Richardson); Cimmaron, 7st 2lb (E. Turner); Pose, 7st (T. Clayton).

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Good Speed, 3 to 1 v. Lord Middleton, 8 to 1 each v. Cimmaron and Patentee, 10 to 1 each v. Point Piper, Milner, and The Trustee, 12 to 1 v. Milano.

Point Piper was smartest off the mark, followed by Margaros and The Trustee, and at the five-furlongs post Point Piper was leading by a length from The Trustee and Pose. At the end of the next furlong Point Piper had increased his lead to five lengths from Patentee, who had The Trustee, Pose, and Margaros at his heels, with Milano last. In that order they came round the bend and entered the straight. Good Speed ran up next to the leader at the distance, where Milano, who came through his horses at a great bat from the home turn, was showing prominently on the outside. Point Piper was not afterwards troubled and won in a canter by half a dozen lengths from Good Speed, who was four lengths from Milano. Patentee was fourth, closely followed by Pose, Cimmaron, The Trustee, and Lord Middleton, with Withan and Margaros at the tail of the hunt. Time, 1 minute 8½ seconds.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

A handicap sweepstake of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize. 6 furlongs.

Mr. J. B. Inches' b g Cast Iron, by Beauchamp (imp.)—Little Nell, 6 years, 9st 6lb (L. Want) ... 1
Mr. W. W. Walsh's b m Bother, by Russley (imp.)—Kingston mare, 6 years, 7st 7lb (F. Richardson) ... 2
Mr. R. Wootton's b m Bongara, by Niagara—Bonnette, 4 years, 6st 12lb (E. Courtney) ... 3

Other starters: Coralie, 9st 5lb (W. Burke); Undaunted, 9st 5lb (W. H. Smith); Santoi, 8st 6lb (M. Harris); Hautain, 7st 10lb (F. Kuhn); T.M.S., 7st 9lb (E. Turner); Victory, 7st 7lb (W. Bradshaw); Plain Tom II., 7st 6lb (A. Hood); Rugosa, 7st 5lb (L. Kuhn); Peveril of the Peak, 6st 7lb (W. Jennings).

Betting: 7 to 4 v. Cast Iron, 5 to 1 v. T.M.S., 8 to 1 v. Rugosa, 10 to 1 each v. Hautain, Bother, Undaunted, and Bongara, 12 to 1 v. Peveril of the Peak, 16 to 1 each v. Victory and Santoi.

Santoi broke the line, but when they had settled into their strides Cast Iron and Victory flashed out, and passed the five-furlong post a couple of lengths from Santoi, who had Bother at his heels, with Hautain and Bongara next, and Undaunted a bad last. Cast Iron headed Victory ere they had reached the half-mile post, and passed that point with the Invader mare at his girths; then after a gap of four lengths came Santoi two lengths in advance of Bother, Bongara was a similar distance off, with Hautain at his girths. Cast Iron drew out a length from Victory as they came round the bend, the other positions being unchanged, and so they swung into the straight. Save that Bother headed Santoi at the distance the positions were unaltered, and Cast Iron cantered home alone, passing the judge's box six lengths from Bother, while Bongara, who finished very fast from the distance, was a length off third. Undaunted, who had made up a lot of ground from the home turn, was close up fourth, followed by Santoi, T.M.S., Victory, Rugosa, and Peveril of the Peak, with Plain Tom II. and Coralie bringing up the rear. Time, 1 minute 13 seconds.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP.

A handicap sweepstake of 10 sovs. each for starters, with 500 sovs. added; second 100 sovs. and third horse 50 sovs. from the prize. 2 miles.

Mr. A. Williams's b g Hoop Iron, by Metal (imp.)—Nursegirl, 4 years, 6st 10lb, including 5lb penalty (A. Richardson) ... 1
Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br g Blue Metal, by Metal (imp.)—Edna, aged, 8st 6lb (R. Brennan) ... 2
Mr. E. J. Ingersole's gr h Pelissier, by Carbine—Duenna, 6 years, 7st 4lb, including 5lb penalty and 1lb over (L. Kuhn) ... 3

Other starters: Caledonia, 10st 1lb, including 10lb penalty (J. Barden); Khaki, 9st (P. Houseman); First Consul, 8st 5lb, including 2lb over (E. Huxley); Glenore, 8st 2lb (E. Ames); Lucknow, 8st 2lb (M. Harris); Rabato, 7st 10lb (L. Want); Circe, 7st 2lb, including 1lb over (H. Gardiner); Nahpro, 7st 1lb (W. H. Smith); Delusion, 7st (G. Osborne); Redmond, 6st 12lb (E. Courtney); Lulworth, 6st 9lb (P. Callinan).

Betting: 4 to 1 v. Blue Metal, 5 to 1 each v. Khaki and Lucknow, 6 to 1 v. Rabato, 7 to 1 v. Pelissier, 8 to 1 v. Nahpro, 10 to 1 v. Redmond, 14 to 1 v. Lulworth, 16 to 1 v. Glenore, 20 to 1 each v. Caledonia, First Consul, and Hoop Iron, 33 to 1 each v. Circe and Delusion.

Blue Metal broke the line, while Nahpro and Caledonia were slowest off the mark. When fairly settled down Redmond shot out, but at the end of the first furlong he dropped back, leaving Glenore and Circe disputing the lead, a length in front of Khaki and Hoop Iron, with Lulworth and Delusion a similar distance off. They came round the bend and into the straight in that order, but Glenore drew out as they came down the running and passed the judge's box, with Hoop Iron and Circe at his heels. Khaki was two lengths off and a length from Delusion, with First Consul and Lulworth a like distance away, followed by Caledonia and Nahpro, with Lucknow and Redmond bringing up the rear. As they turned out of the straight Richardson took Hoop Iron to the front, and passing Oxenham's the son of Metal was three lengths in advance of Glenore, Circe and Khaki were a length away, and at length intervals succeeded Delusion, Lulworth, and Pelissier, with Caledonia, First Consul, and Nahpro next, and Lucknow last. Hoop Iron increased his lead to 10 lengths at the mile-post, where Khaki headed the others, Delusion and Glenore being a length and a half further back, and in Indian file followed Lulworth, Caledonia, First Consul, Nahpro, and Rabato. Still increasing the gap, Hoop Iron passed the seven-furlongs post a dozen lengths from Khaki, who had Delusion at his girths, and Nahpro moved up next half a length away, followed by Glenore and Lulworth, and so they passed the six-furlongs post, but a little further on Nahpro went out after Hoop Iron, who, still bowling along merrily, maintained his lead past the five-furlongs post 12 lengths from the mare, with Delusion three lengths off, and a similar distance from Glenore and Lulworth, and after a like interval came Pelissier and Khaki. Still with a dozen lengths' advantage, Hoop Iron raced past the half-mile post from Nahpro, who was five lengths in advance of Delusion, and Blue Metal, Pelissier, and Lulworth were two lengths further back, with Redmond at the head of the others. As they swung round the bend Nahpro decreased Hoop Iron's lead to eight lengths, and with that advantage the son of Metal swung into the straight from Nahpro and Blue Metal, with Redmond and Lulworth at the head of the others. Nahpro was closing the leader's gap in the run home, while on the outside Blue Metal and Pelissier were coming very fast, but Hoop Iron lasted it out, and won by three lengths from the favourite, who had Pelissier at his girths. Nahpro was just beaten out of place, and Redmond was only a head behind, attended by Lulworth; then after a gap of six lengths succeeded Khaki, Circe, Caledonia, and Rabato, with First Consul and Glenore last. Time, 3 minutes 30 seconds.

THE STEEPLECHASE.

A handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second, 20 sovs. from the prize. About 2½ miles.

Mr. W. Crampton's br g Brokerage, by The Broker—Hermitage, aged, 11st 7lb (P. Regan) ... 1
Mr. G. Birrell's ch g Kaimate, by Australian—Jessie, aged, 11st 12lb (G. Phillips) ... 2
Mr. G. Lindsay's br g Tarcoola, by Rupert—Julian Avenal mare, aged, 9st, including 5lb over (T. Cunningham) ... 3

Other starters: Volcanic, 12st 2lb (R. M'Nally); Grafter, 9st 13lb (J. Chevally); Satan II., 9st 5lb (A. Colley).

Betting: 2 to 1 v. Kaimate, 3 to 1 v. Brokerage, 4 to 1 v. Tarcoola, 6 to 1 each v. The Grafter and Satan II., 10 to 1 v. Volcanic.

Kaimate piloted the field over the first fence a couple of lengths from Grafter, Volcanic, Tarcoola, and Brokerage, with Satan II. tailed off last. They crossed the hill at the back of the course without much change, but as they approached the fence near Kensington the New Zealander was steadied, and Grafter took command, crossing the obstacle three lengths from Tarcoola and Kaimate, Volcano was four lengths further back, with Satan II. beaten off. In Indian file, and well asunder, they crossed the fence at the half-mile post, and so they negotiated the logs, and Grafter showed the way over the treble in front of the stand six lengths from Tarcoola, who was followed at intervals of four lengths by Brokerage, Kaimate, and Volcanic. The positions were unchanged until they reached the palings at the foot of the hill, where Brokerage ran up next to Grafter and the pair were followed by Volcanic and Tarcoola. Kaimate ran into third place after crossing the hill, and Grafter held the lead to the last obstacle, over which he came down, leaving Brokerage in command, and the latter coming on won easily by three lengths from Kaimate, who was 100 yards clear from Tarcoola. Volcanic was four lengths away, while Satan II. refused to cross the last fence. Time, 5 minutes 51½ seconds.

WELTER HANDICAP.

A handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. 1 mile.

Mr. R. Wootton's b m Queen of Sheba, by Niagara—Happy Land, 4 years, 7st 7lb (E. Courtney) ... 1
Mr. J. Monaghan's br f Uneasy, by Metal (imp.) Restless, 3 years, 7st 7lb (A. Richardson) ... 2
Mr. W. Kelso's b m Golden Ring, by Jeweller—Canzoni mare, 6 years, 9st 3lb (J. Barden) ... 3

Other starters: St. Clare, 8st 13lb (E. Huxley); Acumen, 8st 12lb (C. T. Godby); Chassepot, 8st 9lb (S. Callinan); Ruskin, 8st 7lb (W. Delaney); Bengonia, 7st 6lb (L. Kuhn); Patronize, 7st 7lb (A. Hood); Hilda, 7st 7lb (W. Bradshaw).

Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Bengonia and Ruskin, 5 to 1 v. Queen of Sheba, 6 to 1 v. Uneasy, 7 to 1 each v. Golden Ring, Chassepot, and St. Clare, 12 to 1 each v. Hilda and Acumen, 15 to 1 v. Patronize.

Uneasy moved off in front, and passed the seven-furlongs post two lengths in advance of Hilda, Queen of Sheba, and Patronize. At the six-furlongs post Uneasy was still leading by a length and a half from Patronize and Queen of Sheba, with St. Clare at the head of the others, and so they ran past the five-furlongs post, but as they neared the half-mile post Patronize ranged up alongside of Uneasy, the pair being three lengths from Queen of Sheba and St. Clare, with Ruskin at the head of the others. The leading pair came round the bend well clear from Queen of Sheba, but Patronize drifted out of it at the home turn, leaving Uneasy nearly three lengths in front of Queen of Sheba, who closed on the daughter of Metal at the half-distance, and beat her by a length at the finish. Golden Ring was 10 lengths off, followed by Ruskin, Acumen, Bengonia, and St. Clare, with Patronize and Chassepot acting as whippers in. Time, 1 minute 40½ seconds.

FIRE BRIGADE WORK.

THE YEAR'S SUMMARY.

The metropolitan fire brigades were called out 667 times during the year just closed, and 487 of those calls were for substantial purposes. What a fire brigade dislikes is to have to turn out—men, horses, and appliances—and then at the end of an exciting journey to find either that they have been "fooled" or have only a chimney fire to put out. The sum of such disappointments during the first year of the century was 180, being 94 false alarms and 86 chimney fires.

Out of 487 fires only slight damage was done in 450 instances. Of the balance, 13 fires were attended with serious damage and 24 with total destruction of premises. It is satisfactory to know, however, that the totally destroyed places were not by any means all costly buildings; on the contrary, several were merely stables or outhouses, but inasmuch as they were quite destroyed by fire they had to be included in that category in the official reports. Under the two classifications, "serious damage" and "totally destroyed," however, there were many individual instances of very great loss, and one, at least, that of the Haymarket fire, where the destruction was immense, and attended with loss of life.

Taking a comparison with the records of the previous year, 1900, it is found that during the year just closed the number of calls was greater by 102, and of actual fires by 89. The dryness of the season and the high temperature are blamed in a large measure for this greater frequency of outbreaks. The month of December was particularly prolific in this class of misfortune, and now holds an unenviable record as the biggest fire month yet known in Sydney. There were no fewer than 125 calls in the month, which is 38 more than were made in December, 1887, a month which, until this year, had been credited with the largest number of calls.

Regarding the fire insurance statistics in connection with the year's 487 fires, it is stated that in 176 cases the places were insured, in 195 they were not, and in 116 the insurance "could not be ascertained." That is to say, if there was any insurance the damage done was so slight that it was not considered worth the while of the insurer to affect the policy by claiming on it.

THE BALMAIN HOSPITAL.

The concluding effort by the committee appointed by the friendly and trade societies and churches of the Balmain district to raise funds for the local hospital took place in the Balmain Town Hall on New Year's Eve, when a concert and art union drawing were held. Mr. D. H. Easton (president of the hospital board) occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance. An excellent programme of musical items was contributed by Misses Crossby, Finlay, Skinner, M. Jolly, and W. Swyny, Mrs. Christifane, and Messrs. C. Mortimer-Hudson, G. Munro, S. Edwards, W. Chadwick, W. Miller, A. Bowen, and H. Jones. Three pupils of Mr. W. Chadwick danced the Highland Fling. At the conclusion of the concert the drawing of the art union took place in the presence of the hospital management committee, Messrs. M'Farlane, Senior-constable Duncan, D. A. Rogers (secretary), and others. Messrs. E. Penman and S. Edwards acted as accompanists at the concert.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY against loss by FIRE. The Royal Insurance Co.'s Funds exceed £12,000,000; annual revenue over £3,000,000. 74 Pitt-street. Tel., 1570.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

LOSS OF A FISHING BOAT.

YAMBA, Wednesday.

Two foreigners who were attempting to sail the fishing boat Verena round the south training wall last night wrecked the boat on the wall through a strong N.E. wind blowing. The two men were rescued by Yamba boats but were unable to save the boat, which drifted out seawards. The wreckage of the boat was strewn on Yamba beach this morning.

ACCIDENTS.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

Mr. H. H. Capper was thrown from his buggy in High-street this afternoon, sustaining painful abrasions to his head and arms.

FIRES.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

A slight outbreak of fire occurred at midnight of Tuesday at Mrs. Brown's residence. Three children who were sleeping in a room were rescued by Mr. P. Fountain. Only slight damage was done.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

ARALUEN, Tuesday.

The land board completed a six days' sitting to-day. For the first time in Araluen reappraisement cases were chiefly dealt with. The proposed revocation of lower Araluen Common was disallowed.

JUNEE, Tuesday.

Twenty-three foxes have been caught this year on Marrar station. Farmers in this district report extensive ravages of wheat crops by rabbits. In some places there are large areas where it is no use putting the stripper.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

MENANGLE, Tuesday.

On Saturday night a public meeting took place with regard to the formation of classes in connection with the Sydney Technical College for instruction in the principles of agriculture. Mr. Kilmartin presided. It was resolved to petition the Minister for Public Instruction to grant the use of the Public school room and appoint Mr. W. C. Kemp as the instructor. The movement met with hearty support from the proprietors of the Camden Park estate and the manager, Captain Onslow Thomson. Messrs. P. Quirk and Bergin were appointed treasurer and secretary respectively.

THE SCHOOLS.

HAY, Tuesday.

Mr. William A. Montgomerie, head teacher of the Hay Superior Public School, has been promoted to North Sydney.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

Mr. J. Walker, head master at Lithgow Public School, is to be transferred to Balmain First-class School after the holidays.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

Mr. A. O. Black, head master of the Superior Public School here, has been transferred to Lithgow Public School. Mr. Robert Irwin, of Nowra Superior Public School, is to succeed Mr. Black at Wollongong.

LITERARY AND MUSICAL COMPETITIONS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The literary and musical competitions were continued to-day at the showground. The attendance numbered between 4000 and 5000. The band test pieces occupied the whole day, and will be continued to-night, when a military tattoo will also be held.

THE CHURCHES.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

New Year's Eve was the liveliest seen here for many years. The shops were open until 10 o'clock. The town band and bagpipers paraded the streets, which were crowded. A midnight service was held in the Wesleyan Church.

Archdeacon Ross, D.D., preached his farewell sermons last Sunday in the Cathedral. He now retires after 25 years' work in the church at Armidale owing to failing health.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

A watchnight service, led by the Revs. M. Maddern and A. W. Parson, was held in the Primitive Methodist Church last night. There was a good attendance.

The teachers of the Wesleyan Sunday School and the members of the choir last night presented Mr. H. E. Wickham (superintendent of the school, and conductor of the choir) with an illuminated address and baton, the ceremony being performed by Mr. W. Valentine.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

A watchnight service was held at the Church of England, and the Presbyterians and Wesleyans held a united midnight service in the Wesleyan Church on New Year's Eve.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Watchnight services were held last night in St. Saviour's Cathedral and the Primitive Methodist church. The latter was a united service, and was attended by the ministers and members of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist churches.

The Primitive Methodists have agreed to sell their church building at Yarra to the Church of England. When the services of the latter church were held in the village it was found that most of the people were church folk. The action of the Primitive Methodists is much appreciated by the Church of England authorities.

The synod has been summoned to meet on Tuesday, January 28. The most important business will be the election of a bishop.

JUNEE, Tuesday.

The Rev. James Carson, Presbyterian, who after four years at Junee parish leaves for Sydney at the end of January, was last night presented with an address and purse of sovereigns by his parishioners at Yathella.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

A watchnight service was held in the Wesleyan church last night. There was a good attendance. The Rev. John A. Waddell and Mr. James Graham, evangelist, from Inverell, delivered addresses, making reference to the union of different branches of the Methodist Church.

ST. MARYS, Wednesday.

A watchnight service was held last night in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The attendance was good. Immediately after the midnight church the bell rang in the new year.

BATHURST, Tuesday.

Miss Bradford, late of Prince Alfred Hospital, the newly appointed matron of Bathurst Hospital, arrived last evening, and has commenced duties. Miss Hulme, the late matron, left for Sydney last night to take charge of a private hospital.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

The list of patients at the hospital has run up markedly the last few days. Twenty-nine patients, most of them suffering from typhoid, are in a critical condition.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

Mr. Ronald Gibson, second son of Mr. A. F. Gibson, of Tirranna, died this morning at Inveralochy station, of which he was manager. Deceased was about 38 years of age.

HAY, Tuesday.

Last night the Foresters' Court presented their secretary, Mr. Joseph Hews, with a handsome tea and coffee service in recognition of his 23 years' services. A number of representative citizens, including the Mayor, were present.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The Tarana Progress Association has agreed to join a movement initiated by Wallerawang with the object of getting excursion fares granted for the Saturday afternoon train from Bathurst to Sydney.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.

In response to representations made to the Board of Health recently by the Liverpool District Progress Association relative to the state of a section of the river at Liverpool, the board's sanitary inspector (Mr. Creswick) visited the town to-day, and was met by Aldermen Smith and Watt and Mr. Cole, representing the association. After inspecting the river the officer visited the septic tanks in course of construction in connection with the asylum sewerage scheme, and also the asylum, woolwash, and paper-mill, afterwards inspecting the piggeries of the municipality in company with the council's inspector.

Owing to the present building being too small to accommodate the increasing members of the School of Arts, the committee has decided to remove into more commodious premises.

Consequent upon information received from the local volunteer fire brigade, to the effect that the members were unable to obtain water from the main during the progress of the recent fire at Woodlands owing to what appeared to be dummy hydrants, the Mayor has communicated with the Water and Sewerage Board, urging that proper hydrants be placed in the vicinity of properties along the line of the main, so as to assist the brigade in coping with fires should they occur.

PATERSON, Wednesday.

Mr. M. Smith, auctioneer and proprietor of the Paterson Farmers' Union Sales, was yesterday, on behalf of the people who transact business at the sales, presented by Mr. T. Cooper with a set of fish knives and forks and gold sleevelinks, also a silver butterknife and jamspoon for Mrs. Smith. The auctioneer's clerk was also presented with gold links.

QUEANBEYAN, Tuesday.

The borough council experimented with the new vapour gas in the street lamps last night. A trial of acetylene gas will also be made, with a view of procuring the best possible light.

ROCKLEY, Tuesday.

Last quarter the births numbered 37, deaths 15, marriages 8.

THIRLMERE, Wednesday.

Nurse Hutt, who begins duty in the Condobolin Hospital on an early date, was tendered a valedictory concert on Monday evening, and was presented with a carriage clock by the female patients, a traveller's dressing bag by the male patients, and various mementoes by other friends.

WALGETT, Tuesday.

A Philharmonic Society was formed yesterday. The officers are:—Patron, Mr. A. E. Scott; president, Mr. J. Jamieson; vice-presidents, Mr. T. F. Fagan, Mr. C. J. Druitt; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Brierly; conductor, Mr. A. M. M'Millan; librarian, Mr. J. E. Coller; and a committee.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

The annual dinner of the Maitland Fire Brigade was held to-night at the fire brigade station. The Mayor (Alderman Ribee) presided.

WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

At the Oddfellows' Lodge election of officers Mr. W. Nagy was appointed N.G., Mr. J. Thomas V.G., Mr. J. Leonard E. secretary. The members number 200.

WYALONG, Tuesday.

A start was made to-day with the erection of the council-chambers, also with the construction of the main street opposite the courthouse.

YOUNG, Tuesday.

One hundred and fifty-six patients have been received at the local hospital this year, as against 105 last year.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

A bowling tournament was held on the Rosehill Bowling Club's green yesterday for a trophy presented by the president (Mr. F. C. Cox), and a prize for the runner-up, the winner being Mr. A. W. Green. Following are the results of the play:—

First Round.
Mr. T. W. Pollock, 15, beat Mr. H. A. Richardson, 6.
Mr. A. Johnstone, 15, beat Mr. S. Fanclough, 5.
Mr. A. W. Green, 15, beat Mr. W. Farquhar, 8.
Mr. A. Walker, 15, beat Mr. W. Board, 13.
Mr. J. Waugh, 15, beat Mr. F. M'Queen, 7.

Second Round.
Mr. Johnstone, 15, beat Mr. Walker, 8.
Mr. Green, 15, beat Mr. Pollock, 9.
Mr. Waugh, a bye.

Third Round.
Mr. Waugh, 15, beat Mr. Johnstone, 13.
Mr. Green, a bye.

Final.
Mr. Green, 15, beat Mr. Waugh, 5.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Castle Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Association on December 23, Mr. R. H. Lalor was appointed general secretary in place of Mr. F. H. G. Rogers (resigned).

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In to-day's issue there appears a letter signed "E. W. L.," and in strongly supporting his attitude I beg to quote shortly from an article published by myself nearly five years ago.

"It should be removed from domination by any colonial capital." "Why?" "I think it will be apparent to most, should any existing capital be chosen there is almost certain to be constant jealousy of the leading public men of that colony, they being always on the spot."

Was that a correct forecast? While it may be quite true that no great immediate gain will accrue to New South Wales or Sydney from the formation of the federal capital, it will at any rate put New South Wales in full possession of her share of the articles of federation. And we know how in ordinary affairs when people are kept out of their rights, even sentimental ones, their anger rises, and legal conflict or violence issues. Vide newspapers everywhere.

Now in this matter what adds to the irritation is the fact that the delay to the realisation of the reasonable expectations of the people is at the door of our own representatives, whom we relied on, and to whom has been given the power to crown the work of federation by fixing the site in terms of the constitution.

It may be that Mr. Barton, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. O'Connor think that public opinion on this question is dormant. If so, might it not be a good plan for some representative bodies to convene a meeting to which the above and other representatives of New South Wales could be invited? If the meeting be a frost the inaction will be justified. On the other hand, it may interest them to learn how the cat may be expected to jump.

I am, &c.,
ALEX. WILSON.
December 31.

ON HER FEET

All day long, and racking with pain from her head to her heels. That is what many a self-supporting girl must experience, otherwise she would go to bed, but she must still be at the desk or counter, and struggle through the day as best she can, backache, headache, in fact aching all over. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills cure the cause of these aches, they make weak women strong, and sick women well; they stand alone as a woman's best friend. Mrs. Thomas Ryan, Murrumburrah, N.S.W., writes:—"It gives me great pleasure to say that I have used Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills for general debility and indigestion; in fact, I was so bad that for days I could scarcely move. I tried several remedies, but received no permanent benefit till I used your pills. After using one bottle I felt as well as ever. I kept on until I had almost finished the second bottle, and though I am now 56 years of age, I feel as well as I did 20 years ago." Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are a perfect blood purifier, and a positive cure for biliousness, indigestion, constipation, headaches, sallow complexion, liver and kidney troubles, piles, pimples, boils and blotches, and for female ailments. Sold by chemists and storekeepers, 1s 1½d per bottle, or six bottles 6s 6d. Sole proprietors, The W. H. Comstock Co., Ltd. (Australian Depot), 58 Pitt-street, Sydney. Packed in amber bottles, and the full name blown thereon.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—January 1.

Rockton, s., 1971 tons, Captain Marcus M. Osborne, from Queensland ports. Passengers—Mesdames Hamilton, Johnson, Preston, Miss Preston, Messrs. W. H. Purser, P. C. Greig, Preston, T. Ross, T. J. Ross, jun., Jackson, R. Grimes, C. H. Smith, and 30 in the second cabin. Through for Melbourne: Mrs. Evernden, Messrs. Evernden, C. King, W. Bower, W. J. Homewood, Trickett, and 2 in the second cabin. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

City of Grafton, s., 825 tons, Captain W. Slater, from Richmond River December 31. Passengers—Mesdames Smith, Hosier, Bugden, Burgis, Hurley, Watts, Hill, Guest, Hancock, Gallagher, Benson, Hadden, and Street, Misses Watts, Kenyon, Hill, Dutton, Harber, and Dailly, Messrs. J. McLean, Hurley, Elliott, Hill, Hancock, Gallagher, Faulk, Williams, Canley, Hill, Gilmore, Bugden, Benson, Pratt, Rev. Watts and Master Watts, and 21 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Brilliant, ship, 1613 tons, Captain Carlton, from London. Dangar, Gedye, and Co., agents.

Wakatipu, s., 1965 tons, Captain Livingstone, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Guthrie, s. (E. and A. Company's line), 2339 tons, Captain W. G. M'Arthur, from Newcastle. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Kincumber, s., 100 tons, Captain Anderson, from Camden Haven. George de Fraine, agent.

Electra, s., 398 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River January 1, with a full list of passengers. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie, s., 515 tons, from South Coast ports. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Defender, s., 200 tons, Captain C. Beach, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURE.—January 1.

Buteshire, s., for Queensland ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—January 2.

Birksgate, s., for Fiji; Rosedale, s., for Port Macquarie and Nambucca; Burrawong, s., for Macleay and Bellinger; Murray, s., for Moruya direct; Coomonderry, s., for Nowra, Moruya, Berry, and Shoalhaven; Eden, s., for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Hastings, s., for Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Beechwood, and Hastings River; City of Grafton, s., for Richmond River; Electra, s., for Manning River; Namoi, s., for Newcastle; Nambucca, s., for Nambucca.

IMPORTS.—January 1.

Brilliant, ship, from London: 4551 packages gunpowder and other explosives, 2043 packages essences and oilmen's stores, 1000 cases beer, 304 cases fish, 881 cases vinegar, 898 rails, 715 bundles fish plates, 950 cases herrings, 950 casks cement, 1295 packages oil, 20 packages machinery, 32 crates bottles, 247 cases paper, 102 cases furniture, 65 casks borax, 58 cases blacking, 375 cases whisky, 100 tons railway chairs, 39 cases bedsteads, 25 barrels safety fuse, 735 cases spirits, 50 cases jam, 2[illegible] packages ploughshares, 350 cases gin, 480 cases brandy, 50 cases stout, 1[illegible] packages white lead, 400 packages matches, 143 packages stationery, 58 barrels tar and pitch, 99 packages rum, 100 tons sulphur, 258 packages drugs and medicines, 51 cases wine, 43 packages nails, &c., 285 packages drapery, 20 casks glue, 31 packages lampware, 41 packages paint and colour, 18 barrels hessians, 167 casks whiting, 25 cases hardware, 180 cases pickles and sauce, 100 cases sardines, 41 cases tamarinds, 50 cases peas, 5021 packages unspecified merchandise, and a large quantity of sundries; also cargo for Newcastle.

Rockton, s., from Queensland ports: 3477 bunches bananas, 23 cases pines, 5833 sacks sugar, 6 bales skins, 45 pieces machinery, 4 bags oysters, 16 bags pumpkins, 6 cases furniture, and a large quantity of sundries; also, through cargo for Melbourne and Western Australian ports.

City of Grafton, s., from Richmond River: 3 sacks oysters, 10 sacks potatoes, 18 cases eggs, 4 cases fish, a quantity of scrap iron and furniture, 5 bundles broomhandles, 4000ft. boxwood, 6 coops poultry, 3 horses, 10 hides, 120 hogsheads molasses, 221 boxes butter, 16 logs hardwood, and 10 packages sundries.

Electra, s., from Manning River: 222 bags maize, 23 bags bones, 5 bags oysters, 2 bales wool, 7 bales skins, 20 bales brooms, 12 bales millet, 126 cases eggs, 5 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 29 coops poultry, 46 hides, 3 cans cream, 607 kegs butter, 85 pigs, and 31 packages sundries.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The steamship Neckar arrived at Colombo on December 29, homeward.

The R.M.S. Moana, hence to Vancouver, arrived at Brisbane at 1.55 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Ormuz, from London, arrived yesterday at the Semaphore at 9.35 a.m., and sailed at 3.45 p.m. for Melbourne.

The Friedrich der Grosse arrived at the Semaphore yesterday from Bremen at 7 p.m.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, from London, arrived at Fremantle yesterday at 5.30 a.m.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: January 1, Duke of Devonshire, s., from London; Moana, R.M.S., from Sydney. Departure: Peregrine, s., for Melbourne.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrival: January 1, Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: January 1, Arawatta, s., for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE.—Arrival: January 1, Barcoo, s., from Townsville.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: December 31, Yarrala, s., from Brisbane. Departure: January 1, Karawera, s., for Cairns.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Departure: December 31, Taiyuan, s., for Sydney. Passed: Celtic, s., bound to Manila.

YAMBA.—Departure: Nymboida, s., for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: January 1, Saint Jerome, s., from Fremantle; Border Knight, s., from East London; Sydney, s., Newcastle, s., from Sydney. Departures: January 1, Guthrie, s., for Hongkong, via Sydney, with 1500 tons coal; Newcastle, s. for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 1, Islamount, barque, at 9.25 a.m., north; Coolgardie, s., at 2.25 p.m., Aramac, s., at 3.10 p.m., Konoowarra, s., at 5.20 p.m., all west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: January 1, Hugo Molenaar, from Java; Coogee, s., from Launceston; Isis, s., from Sydney; Gifford, from New York; Lamorna, s., from Frederickstadt; Neptune, s., from Kaipara. Departures: Norkoowa, s., for Newcastle; Colac, s., for Sydney; Abergeldie, s., for Port Pirie.

CAPE BORDA.—January 1, R.M.S. Ormuz, passed inward, 2 a.m.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: January 1, Ormuz, R.M.S., from London; Friedrich der Grosse, s., from Bremen. Departure: January 1, Ormuz, R.M.S., for Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE.—Departure: December 31, Alala, s., for Sydney.

ALBANY.—Departures: January 1, Wollowra, s., for Fremantle; Hampstead, s., for Durban.

FREMANTLE.—Arrival: January 1, F.M.S. Polynesien, from east. Departure: January 1, R.M.S. Himalaya, for eastern States.

(From the Board at the Telegraph Office.)

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS.—Departures: January 1, Macleay at 12.15 p.m., St. George at 12.40 p.m. Passed: January 1, Excelsior at 5 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: January 1, Nymboida at 2.30 p.m.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Departure: January 1, Tarshaw at 8 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: January 1, Australian at 2.30 p.m., north; Howard Smith steamer at 6 p.m., north; A.U.S.N. steamer at 6 p.m., north.

BELLINGER HEADS.—January 1, Buroka and Violet Doepel barbound.

NAMBUCCA.—Arrival: January 1, Nambucca at 12.30 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: January 1, Augusta at 3 p.m., north; a drogher at 3 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: January 1, Phoenix at 5 p.m. Departure: January 1, Trilby at 2 p.m., for Sydney.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: January 1, Augusta at 8.15 a.m., Buninyong at 10 a.m., Cintra at 10.20 a.m., Tomki at 12.40 p.m., Volunteer at 12.50 p.m., Kallatina at 1.30 p.m., Phoenix at 4 p.m., Cavanba at 7 p.m., all north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Departure: January 1, Phoenix at 1.20 p.m., for Port Macquarie.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: January 1, Augusta at 5.20 a.m., Howard Smith steamer at 7 a.m., A.U.S.N. steamer at 8.30 a.m., all north.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: January 1, Buteshire at 6.45 p.m., north.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: January 1, Narara at 4 a.m., Hawkesbury at 7.45 a.m., Namoi at noon, Hannah Nicholson at 6.45 p.m. Departure: Namoi at 4 p.m.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: January 1, Beltana, s., ordered on to Newcastle.

MORUYA HEADS.—Passed: January 1, a two-masted steamer with yellow funnel at 11 a.m., steamer red funnel at 5.30 p.m., both north.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: January 1, Kameruka at 9 a.m., a barque at 11.15 a.m., both north; Coolgardie at 12.30 p.m., Aramac at 1 p.m., Konoowarra at 2.55 p.m., Tambo at 4 p.m., all south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 1, Islamount at 9.25 a.m., north; Coolgardie at 2.50 p.m., Aramac at 3.10 p.m., Konoowarra at 5.20 p.m., yellow funnel steamer at 6 p.m., all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: January 1, Meninderry at 7.20 a.m., Barrier at 3.50 p.m., Queenscliff at 4 p.m. Passed outward: January 1, Surrey at 8.55 a.m., Ouraka at 3.10 p.m., Darius at 4 p.m., Norkoowa at 5 p.m.

BURNIE.—Arrival: January 1, Penguin at 8 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: January 1, Kittawa at 5 a.m., for Devonport and Sydney.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arrival: December 31, Kawatiri, 7.25 p.m., from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT WEST.—Arrivals: January 1, Kittawa, s., from Strahan; Penguin, s., at 11 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: January 1, Penguin at 5.20 p.m., for Melbourne.

SEMAPHORE.—Arrivals: January 1, R.M.S. Ormuz at 5.55 a.m.; Friedrich der Grosse at 7 p.m., from Bremen. Departure: January 1, R.M.S. Ormuz at 3.45 p.m., for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE.—Arrivals: January 1, R.M.S. Himalaya at 5.35 a.m., from London; Polynesien, French mail steamer, at 8.30 a.m., from Eastern States.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 43 years, 49·829.
Rainfall from January 1, 0·048.
Temperature.—Maximum, Wednesday, 80·2; minimum, 68·2; 9 p.m., 66·5.
Barometer, 9 p.m., 30·008.

TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

The following were reported yesterday:—Bourke, 102·5; Walgett, 106·0.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Portland, 30·09; Wilson's Promontory, 29·96; Gabo Island, 29·92; Cape St. George, 29·89; Sydney, 29·84; Newcastle, 29·85; Port Macquarie, 29·87; Clarence Heads, 29·85.

RAINFALLS.

New South Wales (24 hours preceding 9 a.m.)—Albury, 29 points, Barmedman 3, Bega 26, Braidwood 8, Cooma 12, Eden 28, Gabo Island 12, Germanton 66, Goulburn 2, Kiandra 54, Morangarell 3, Murrumburrah 11, Narrandera 75, Newcastle 2, Nimitybelle 50, Parramatta 3, Queanbeyan 9, Sydney 5, Wagga 19, Henty 32, Araluen 47, Bateman's Bay 12, Booligal 1, Burrowa 2, Cootamundra 3, Corowa 16, Gundagai 30, Junee 30, Taralga 3, Tarcutta 20, Temora 45, Yass 45, Towamba 26, Burragate 16, Wyndham 10, Bemboka 87, Candelo 30, Adaminaby 60, Pambula 30.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Byron Bay, N., light, dull, sea moderate; Ballina, hazy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, E.S.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, E.S.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, calm, dull, sea smooth; Manning Heads, E., light, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, E.S.E., moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, S., cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, S.S.W., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., strong gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, S.W., moderate gale, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Inland generally there will be fine weather, with increasing temperature and light winds; on the coast light southerly winds, veering to E. and N.E. about the city.—H. C. Russell.

Western Australia.—Fine, moderate weather (in the south-western districts, including Perth, with a few showers on the coast; hot inland, with a tendency to thunder.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 2.

Sun rises at 4.48, sets at 7.10; Moon, — p.m., 12.16 p.m.; Mercury, 4.43 a.m., 7.15 p.m.; Venus, 8.19 a.m., 9.39 p.m.; Mars, 6.18 a.m., 8.26 p.m.; Jupiter, 5.40 a.m., 7.52 p.m.; Saturn, 5.25 a.m., 7.35 p.m.

New moon, January 10; Full moon, January 24.

High water at Fort Denison, 2.1 a.m., 2.51 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.

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Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Macleay and Bellinger Rivers.—Burrawong, 11 a.m.
Port Macquarie and Nambucca River.—Rosedale, 11 a.m.
Samarai (British New Guinea), via Brisbane and Cooktown.—Cintra, 3.45 p.m.
Noumea, Vila (New Hebrides), Solomon and Santa Cruz Islands, Lautoka, Suva, and Levuka (Fiji).—Birksgate, 4 p.m.
‡United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Prinz Regent Luitpold, 4.30 p.m.
G.M.S. Prinz Regent Luitpold (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flinders, 5.30 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Launceston and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Brisbane.—Adelaide, 11 a.m.
Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Tsinan, 11 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Guthrie, noon.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waikare, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Rimutaka, noon.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
‡Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Coolgardie, 9.30 p.m.
Cooktown, Thursday Island, British New Guinea, and Gulf Ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Oroya, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Oroya (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Oroya, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Mokoia, 5.30 p.m.
Natal, Capetown, and Albany, W.A., via Melbourne.—Nineveh, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1902.

Commandant de Wet is still south of the Langberg.

Boer columns were detached by him to engage Brigadier-General Dartnell and Major Damont, which left him with 800 men to swoop down on Colonel Firman's force at Tweefontein.

Lord Kitchener has asked for more cavalry.

Lord Kitchener's weekly report shows 35 Boers killed, five wounded, 237 captured, and 51 surrendered.

Besides these are to be reckoned about 30 Boers killed and 50 wounded in Commandant de Wet's attacks on Brigadier-General Dartnell and Colonel Firman.

The King has arranged to inspect the 1200 selected Guards who are to embark for South Africa on the 18th.

Two regiments, to be called the Irish Horse and Fincastle's Horse, are being raised for early embarkation for South Africa by the Earl of Longford and Lord Fincastle respectively.

General Louis Botha has decided to shoot every National (Burgher) Scout captured.

The Swazi Queen's residence has been raided by 200 Boers, who met with a half-hearted resistance and killed many natives.

Mr. Kruger now demands not only the independence of the late Boer Republics but also an amnesty for rebels and compensation for destroyed farms.

Artillerymen not further required for regular service in South Africa are being embodied in three corps, each consisting of 1500 men, to be called the Artillery Mounted Infantry.

The "Standard" correspondent at Pretoria says that reinforcements of the infantry are imperative for the early termination of the war.

Commandant Olivier was amongst the Boers killed at Tweefontein.

In this engagement the enemy secured two British guns.

Judgment has been reserved in the case of Commandant Scheeper, who has been on his trial on various serious charges, including murder.

Commandant Smuts's men, after unsuccessfully attacking the convoy for Calvinia, entrenched themselves on a high ridge. The 16th Lancers rushed the position, disabling 30 of the enemy.

Field-cornet Venter was killed in the engagement of last Saturday at Burghersdorp.

Particulars of the Boer attack on Major Damant show that the struggle was brief but fierce, and that most of the British casualties were caused by 200 Boers hidden in kraals and the grass, who covered the British position.

Major Damant's guns were fired until the ammunition ran out, and his staff used their revolvers till they fell.

The British guns were recaptured within half an hour of the enemy's flight.

A graphic narrative of Commandant De Wet's operations is given in our cables.

The Boer leader sjamboked those of his followers who were retreating.

The enemy's casualties were 100 killed and wounded.

The British loss at Tweefontein was mainly due to the fact that the Yeomen emerged from their tents visible against the sky, whilst the enemy was barely distinguishable.

CADBURY'S COCOA. The popular beverage for all seasons.—Advt.

New Year's Day throughout the State was successfully celebrated.

One of the principal attractions in Sydney was the gathering of the Highland Society of New South Wales.

At the luncheon Sir William Lyne in the course of a speech said it would be impossible for Great Britain to give the Boers any share in the government of the Transvaal or the Orange River Colony before they had been fully conquered, and until that was accomplished the British must stand shoulder to shoulder to maintain the Empire intact.

The annual meeting of Tattersall's Club was also continued yesterday. The Cup was won by Hoop Iron (Mr. A. Williams' horse).

The holiday resorts were well patronised, the railway and tramway traffic was very heavy, and the weather was favourable for excursionists.

The second test cricket match was begun in Melbourne. High scoring was prevented mainly by the bad wicket.

MacLaren won the toss, and sent the Australians to bat. They only compiled 112 runs, but the Englishmen were all dismissed for 61 runs, Noble securing seven wickets for 17 runs.

In their second innings the Australians lost five wickets for 48 runs when play was concluded for the day.

It is reported that a party from a French steamer burned the Rev. Mr. Edgell's house, church, and school in the New Hebrides. The French admiral deprived the vessel of its license, but no compensation has been given for the destruction of the property.

Eleven hundred and fifty applications have been received at Victoria Barracks for enrolment in the Federal Contingent.

The steamer Duke of Devonshire, which recently was fast on Hunter's Reef, is now aground in the Brisbane River.

The revenue of the United Kingdom last quarter was £35,991,808. Customs yielded £9,337,180, excise £11,513,000, and stamps £2,020,000.

Venezuela offers £2000 and the cargo for the capture of the Ban Righ, rechristened the Libertador, and declared to be a pirate vessel.

Russia is not amending the proposed Manchurian treaty.

M. Lessar has intimated that unless the treaty is concluded within a fortnight the negotiations with China will be discontinued, and the occupation of Manchuria by the Russians will be maintained.

The Prince of Wales will represent the King at the celebration of the Kaiser's Birthday.

At the instance of Great Britain and the United States a Chinese Imperial edict has been issued restoring to his former honours the late Chan Yin Huan, who was ambassador to Great Britain during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

A bluebook which has been issued contains a record of Prince Ching's thanks to the British for safely guarding the Summer Palace and treasures.

A London family is suffering from smallpox, which had been diagnosed as blood poisoning. Two members of the family died. Fourteen relatives visited those who were attacked with the disease.

At Prince Tuan's instigation, Tung-fuh-siang has massacred a missionary and a number of converts at Nigshafa.

The Leeds "Mercury" states that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has had an interview with Lord Rosebery, who insisted upon the acceptance of the policy recently enunciated at Chesterfield without any variation.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman will consult Sir W. V. Harcourt and Mr. John Morley.

Advices received from St. John's, Newfoundland, express anxiety as to whether the modus vivendi with France respecting the lobster fishery will be renewed.

The residents of the island of Lewis, Hebrides, refusing to recognise the union of the Free and the United Presbyterian Churches, besieged the police for six hours in a church at Ness, stoning them and compelling them to leave the island. The military has been summoned.

Sir Andrew Clarke, in an article in the "Nineteenth Century and After," applauds the masterful self-confidence of Australasian patriotism in embarking on an Imperial struggle in Australia.

He also says that the Imperialism will be of a true, responsible, and beneficial character, opening its arms to all comers who recognise and appreciate the justice and freedom of British rule.

Both the Federal and the State Governments have demanded the fees of licensed brewers in this State for the year 1902.

The fishing boat Verena was wrecked on the south training wall off Yamba on Tuesday, and drifted out to sea after two men had been rescued from her.

Additional losses caused by the hurricane on the south-western line on Tuesday are reported. Some of the residents of the district affected by the hurricane had very trying experiences.

Bush fires are still breaking out in some parts of the country, but they appear to be only on a small scale.

It is now considered that the North Sydney water supply has been restored to its normal condition, and the possibility of further serious inconvenience is not now feared by the residents.

The recent inter-state rifle match resulted in Tasmania being first, New South Wales second, Victoria third, and Queensland fourth.

The revenue returns for the State of Western Australia for December amounted to £320,739, as against £269,348 for December of the previous year.

Mr. Brookman, the leader of the Kimberley exploration party, has returned to Perth after having been absent since May last.

He reports the existence of an immense tract of good pastoral country in the district between East Kimberley and West Kimberley comprising 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 acres splendidly adapted for sheep-breeding.

A gang of youths attacked two constables in Woolloomooloo on Tuesday night, causing wounds which necessitated medical treatment.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received 667 calls during last year and attended 487 fires.

The inter-state races of the Brisbane Dingy Club were concluded yesterday. Irex won the race for 14-footers.

The union of the Methodist bodies of Australasia was celebrated in the Centenary Hall last night, the beginning of the first year of the union.

In the course of some remarks yesterday relative to the ships' stores question, Mr. Barton said that international rights could not give foreign ships trading in Commonwealth waters greater privileges than were enjoyed by British ships.

Yesterday a human skeleton was found on the beach at Wellington Point, near Tingalpa Creek (Q.).

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

A review of the past year's commerce of the State affords cause for congratulation from nearly all points of view. The Christmas festivities, on a scale not surpassed for many years, furnished evidence of the prevailing prosperity and were an appropriate finish to the successful industry of the twelve months. It cannot be said that the people of New South Wales were ever backward in taking a full measure of recreation. Even in the times of depression the holidays gave evidence that the poverty was neither so widespread nor so deep as was sometimes alleged. That the past Christmas festivities have been kept with even a fuller measure of money-spending shows, however, that the conditions are improving.

It cannot be too clearly kept in view that the prosperity of New South Wales—of its metropolis as well as of its country areas—depends more largely upon its grazing industry than upon anything else. When it is a good year for the pastoral industry everybody prospers. For two reasons the past year was a good one for the grazier. There was an increase in quantity of wool and a slight recovery in price. For eight successive years there had been a shrinkage in the number of sheep depasturing on the broad acres of the State. From 61,831,000 in 1891 to 36,213,000 in 1899 represented a serious diminution in the number of the flocks of the State. That there were at the end of 1900 40,020,000, or an increase of nearly 4,000,000, from which to take wool in the past year represented a recovery that told very materially on the general prosperity. The last returns also showed an increase of 16,000 in the number of horned cattle, and of 17,000 in that of swine, while a slight decrease of 1000 head of horses is satisfactorily accounted for by the special drafts for export. The weather conditions under which the graziers carried on their industry were more favourable than in many previous years, and the graziers took advantage of them to fatten as many sheep and cattle as their depleted flocks and herds could supply.

The State's agricultural industry, by reason of the large wheat crop, will probably also give a larger return. The prospect of income amounting to £1,250,000 from a source from which nothing was received less than five years ago will add materially to the wealth of the country, besides giving remunerative employment to our railways. The butter industry is a growing one, and good prices continue to be maintained. Though some reduction occurred in the price of coal obtained by British and some other producers our own companies on the whole have not had to lower their prices. More reasonable in their policy they never raised the prices so high as English companies, and they have not yet had to reduce them in any general way. Our other mining industries were less satisfactory by comparison, for the decline in the gold yield and the fall in prices of silver, lead, tin, and copper must give a smaller pecuniary return. Nevertheless pastoral, agricultural, and mining industries together furnished an amount of wealth that will probably fall not far short of that of 1900. Actually the export figures may appear larger, but the delay in the shipment of wool in the earlier year counts unfairly to the credit of 1901.

Whatever the measure of the proceeds of the produce exported, the amount, supplemented by the loan funds imported or employed in paying interest on the State's foreign debt, was adequate to keep the money market easy, and thus to facilitate production. That is the one good service rendered by the borrowing. Time only will show whether it can compensate for the raising in the year of £5,000,000 of capital in London for expenditure on public works, not to mention £1,500,000 borrowed in the State. It cannot be questioned that though the foreign loans stimulated expenditure they will entail some consequences less pleasant for the taxpayer; and *it is the least satisfactory* feature of the whole monetary presentment of the State's affairs.

When we turn to the purely business side of the year's affairs there is very much to encourage. The State was free from that extravagance which characterised it ten to fifteen years ago when the crisis was being developed. Business in imported merchandise was certainly rather spasmodic and speculative, but that was inevitable in view of the anticipated introduction of the federal tariff. That this has so far caused no monetary disturbance is evidence of the prior soundness of mercantile relations. The number and amount of failures in the year were extremely small. What money was earned by the various classes in the community was not applied in developing land "booms" or bolstering public companies of an unsound character. The banks of issue added three-quarters of a million sterling to their deposits, the savings banks over half a million; and large amounts were contributed to the life assurance societies—probably three-quarters of a million. And in addition to this a proportion of the earnings of the people has been invested in buildings and land. The improvement of the city and the country has gone on very extensively, building operations having been more active than for many years. The public returns further show an increase as compared with 1900 of nearly £2,000,000 in the amounts of the discharges of mortgages and reconveyances of properties. All these represent healthy features of the industrial and commercial life of the community. That there were considerable savings, and that a large part of these are now counted as additions to the capital of the State, as we believe well invested, and employed usefully in promoting its industries or in liquidating private indebtedness, must contribute to the general prosperity.

The favourable features of the commercial situation must be held to more than counterbalance those that are unfavourable. There is no reason to look forward with any other feeling than one of hope, if the fruits of the industry of the people are not diverted into improper channels or unduly taxed. It cannot be said that there is not some danger from both the one and the other. The politicians have public works or pet industries which they wish to encourage at the expense of the State—industries that cannot be expected to yield results such as we have had from our lands that in the past five years have given so magnificent a recovery from the depression of 1893, notwithstanding the comparatively unfavourable character of the seasons. If New South Wales can escape from these exactions then doubtless the next quinquennium will be marked by a continuance of the recovery in progress in the past one.

TRADE UNIONISM.

The Board of Trade report on trade unions in 1900, which was published a short time ago, is a document which contains many matters of interest. The statistics supplied in this report, when compared with figures quoted in its predecessors, show that trade unionism has come to stay. The first Trade Union Congress was held in 1868, and this body represented 118,367 union labourers. In 1900 this number had greatly grown, notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by the governing body of the unions, and 1,225,133 persons were represented at the congress held in that year. It is of this year that the Board of Trade report treats, and from it we learn that the total membership of the 1272 unions in existence at the close of 1900 was 1,905,116. Of this number only 122,047 are women and girls, mainly engaged in the cotton trade. Particularly noticeable is the fact that the unions are themselves consolidating. Individual workmen found their interests conserved by uniting their forces and standing shoulder to shoulder against what they considered, rightly or wrongly, to be the unfair demands of their employers. Now comes the natural development, and we notice without surprise that the large unions are swallowing up the smaller, just as these last in their time did their part in killing individualism. When we learn, therefore, that of the 1272 unions 100 include 1,159,000 workers, or 61 per cent. of all trade unionists, the fact must be regarded as merely a development of the principle. If a union, whether of employers or of employees, is more effective for its particular purposes than individuals, how much greater is the efficiency of an aggregation of unions.

Indeed the centralisation of the management of trade unions should be found of great value to the persons mainly concerned, and also to others. As the law stands now—and, in the absence of special legislation to the contrary, the law is good for us in Australia as well as for our cousins in the United Kingdom—a union is an entity which can be cast in damages for wrongful acts done by its officials. "Picketing" is unlawful; nobody may take up his post in front of a workshop or factory when a dispute is in progress, and use even the kindest means to induce a workman to refrain from working. Of course, violence was always unlawful, but it is only since last year that what is called "moral suasion"—the more or less urgent asking of a man not to work for a certain employer—has been definitely placed under ban. It is no longer permissible to threaten an employer who supplies goods to the immediate object of the union's hostility that his men will be called out on strike unless such supplies are stopped. Nor is it now allowable in the United Kingdom for officers of a trade union to issue a black list of free labourers or of non-union firms. If officers offend in any of these particulars they are liable to punishment, and the unions to which they belong and in whose authority they act may find themselves charged with heavy pecuniary liabilities. In these recent decisions of British courts of justice we may find additional reasons to those which would ordinarily suggest themselves for the substitution of a sort of federation of trade unions for their present isolated condition. For some years now the leading spirits of the unions have been considering such a federation, which was definitely formed a couple of years ago. Its objects are worth remembering. They were, "to uphold the rights of combination of labour; to improve in every direction the general position and status of the workers by the inauguration of a policy that shall secure to them the power to determine the economic and social condition under which they shall work; to secure unity of action amongst [illegible] forming the federation; to promote [illegible] peace, and by all amicable means, [illegible] as conciliation, mediation, references, or [illegible] establishment of permanent boards, to prevent strikes or lock-outs between employers and workmen, or disputes between trades or organisations; where differences do occur, to assist in their settlement by just and equitable methods; to establish a fund for mutual assistance and support, and for carrying out the foregoing objects." This is a large programme, and especially noteworthy is the item about the workers inaugurating a policy "that shall secure to them the power to determine the economic and social condition under which they shall work and live."

But the fact that the unions occasionally demand a vain thing will not be allowed to blind the eyes of the public to the fact that they do much good. Their income is large. It was £1,473,000 in 1892, and it was £1,975,000 in 1900. The accumulated funds of the unions amount to £3,767,000, or two millions more than they were in 1892. What do the unions do with the money—the result of the subscriptions by members, many of whom have had little to spare when the expenses of their families' support have been taken into consideration. Now during the nine years under notice, 1892-1900, the unions spent 13½ millions of money. They spent 20 per cent. on "dispute pay," which may be roughly translated as the support of members unemployed on account of strikes. Another 20 per cent. was spent in working expenses, and possibly the administration of so large an income and the direction of so many interests will be held to warrant the expenditure under this heading. The remaining 60 per cent. of the expenditure—some eight millions of money—has been spent in friendly benefits, in the support of unemployed, in the aid of sick and superannuated members, in funeral expenses, and so forth. In a better state of society this 60 per cent. will grow larger and men, not having either reason or inclination to quarrel with their brother men, will spend their money rather in alleviating distress than in creating it. It is in this direction that the future of trade unionism undoubtedly lies. As against these combinations of workmen we have associations and federations of employers, and to the rival organisations will belong the work for a time of settling disputes. When this work has been done, the associations on both sides will be mainly societies for the relief of distress and the advancement of the best interests of humanity.

THE FEDERAL CONTINGENT.

The formal enrolment of members of the first federal contingent for service in South Africa is expected to begin this morning, but already 1150 applications have been received. That fact is already a sufficient answer to critics abroad who affected to think that Australian zeal in the Empire's service had exhausted itself. As a matter of fact, it has been shown again and again that reverses in the field and the prospect of real danger have but stimulated the impulse to enlistment on the part of Australians. Not even the spectacle of our volunteers returning wounded from the front has checked this patriotic movement. Now that the Imperial Government has again made known its willingness to accept Australian aid, the response to the call is as prompt as at the beginning of the war. The total number of men asked from the Commonwealth is limited. The proportion to be raised in New South Wales is small, much smaller than we should be prepared to offer. Yet we find this generous response made, although there is a clause inserted in the form of attestation exempting the Commonwealth Government from liabilities for compensation to soldiers or their relatives. It may be further noticed that a special interest attaches to this enrolment, since the men who go to the front will no longer represent separate colonies, but will take the field as soldiers of a united Commonwealth. Some complaints were heard in the past because our men were distributed among the forces and not allowed to act together as an Australian unit. Perhaps, on the whole, it is as well that this was so, since it enabled Australians to be in evidence in several places instead of in one. There is an impression, however, that Australia would be better pleased to see its contingent working together, and Mr. Barton has forwarded a judicious suggestion to the Imperial authorities to that effect. Whether it is acted on or not, we know at least that our men will be put to the best use in South Africa, and, as the "Standard" says, employed to contribute the needed element of dash and mobility to the British ranks now that the Boers have entered on the last desperate phase of the struggle.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

Our cables of this morning point to the solution of the difficulty between Russia and China with regard to Manchuria which was all along expected. The Russian Minister at Peking has informed the Chinese Government that Russia will not make any amendments in the draft of the proposed treaty, and that, unless negotiations were concluded within a fortnight, they would be discontinued on the Russian side, and the military occupation of Manchuria would be maintained. The principal Chinese objections to the proposed treaty are four in number. China desires an early withdrawal of all Russian troops from Manchuria, except a limited number who might be retained for the protection of the railway. She opposes any limitation being placed on the number of Chinese troops in garrison in the province; she asks for an early surrender of the Niuchwang-Shanghai railway, and for the abandonment of the Russian claim to a mining monopoly. Seeing that Manchuria is a province of China, and that it was professedly occupied by Russia only as a temporary expedient and for the benefit of China, these objections seem reasonable enough. Indeed they are so strong and so well founded that China commands universal approval in pressing them. We know how keen the Russian Minister in Peking was to obtain Li Hung Chang's signature to the treaty, and how this effort was baffled by the death of that statesman. It would appear, however, that Russia is determined to achieve the ends aimed at when first she marked out Manchuria for her own. Swift to take advantage of the weakness of the Celestial Empire, Russia has imposed conditions which are tantamount to the cession of Manchuria to her. China may protest, but against these protestations are arrayed possession, which is nine-tenths of the law, the powerlessness of China, and the indifference, compounded with greed, of other nations interested. If Russia is to continue the occupation of Manchuria, other Powers will demand concessions in proportion to their importance. Of European nations alone, there are Great Britain, France, Germany, and Italy who will demand their share in the spoils. The United States may hold aloof; but Japan will certainly be alive to the opportunity. The Japanese cannot afford to see Russian expansion in this direction without securing some advantage for themselves. Meanwhile it will be interesting to note how China will treat this latest Russian demand.

Command of the New South Wales Forces.—Brigadier-General Finn, who has been appointed by the Commonwealth Minister for Defence to succeed Major-General French in the command of the military forces of this State, formally took over the control yesterday. The actual administrative work will not, however, begin until to-day. The Brigadier-General, as has been already announced in the "Herald," began his examination into the method of management pursued here on Tuesday, and this work will necessarily take some days before he can be said to be thoroughly familiar with the ramifications of our military system.

The Mayor of Sydney.—Yesterday Alderman Thomas Hughes entered upon his term of office as Mayor of Sydney for the current year. Owing, however, to the holiday, the Town Hall was closed, so that the new Mayor will practically assume his official duties to-day.

The Government Offices.—Yesterday being a public holiday the Government offices were closed. The Premier, Mr. See, is in the country, but will return to-morrow.

The Mail Steamers.—There will be three European mail deliveries this week. The English mails are carried by the R.M.S. Ormuz, the French by the Tonkin, and the German by the Friedrich der Grosse. The mails by the Ormuz will be here to-morrow, which is an unusually late delivery, though it is explained by a delay occasioned in the Suez Canal. The German mails are due on Saturday next, and on the same day those by the French liner Tonkin are expected. The P. and O. liner Himalaya arrived yesterday at Fremantle from London, and sailed again for Adelaide. Her mails will be delivered here next Tuesday.

Death of Mrs. Camphin.—Mrs. Ellen Camphin, wife of Mr. William Camphin, superintendent of the detective branch of the police force, died at her residence, No. 356 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, on Tuesday night. The deceased lady, who was 55 years of age, suffered from a severe attack of influenza some years ago, and since then been in indifferent health. Mrs. Camphin led a very homely life and was esteemed generally. She was attended during her illness by Dr. Houison. The funeral will take place to-day at the Waverley Cemetery.

A Large Fish.—Whilst engaged fishing for sharks at Neutral Bay on Tuesday afternoon two men succeeded in hooking an exceptionally large sting-ray. For some time past fishermen have been annoyed by large fish carrying away hooks and lines, so they baited a shark line with a large mullet. The bait was quickly taken, and after some difficulty a monster ray was landed on the rocks, where it was speedily killed. From the snout to the tip of the tail it was found to measure 8ft. 8in., whilst across the flaps it measured 5ft. 9in., and weighed somewhere about 6cwt. or 7cwt. The previous day a small shark was caught by the same party in the bay, which is a favourite bathing-place for small boys.

The members of the Royal Australian Artillery band have been granted one month's holiday from Tuesday last. Several of the musicians have left for the country. The band will not play during the present month.

BRISBANE DINGY CLUB RACES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The concluding event of the series of inter-State dingy races was decided to-day, when the 14-footers' scratch race was contested at Manly and Wynnum regatta. The fixture was carried out in Moreton Bay off Manly, and attracted large crowds of spectators, who witnessed the sport from the foreshores. The programme comprised four sailing events, the most important being that for the 14-footers. In this Irex (F. E. Shaw) represented the southern State, and secured a somewhat easy win from the Queensland crack Violet (C. Crouch), with Othello (T. Goodall) third.

The race was sailed twice round a triangular course of about three miles. A hard north-east breeze prevailed. A good start was effected, the order of crossing the line being Violet, Skip, Irex, Othello (Queenslander), and Ivy. Violet maintained the advantage the first time round, whilst Irex and Othello, both suitably rigged for the blow, assumed second and third places respectively. Ivy was fourth. Thus they completed the first round of the triangle, Violet being 23 seconds ahead of Irex, and the latter 1 minute 28 seconds ahead of Othello. During the second time round Irex went to the front, and was never caught, having at the finish 3 minutes 50 seconds to spare from Violet, whose large sail had proved too much for her, Othello finishing 23 seconds later. Ivy was the only other dingy to complete the course.

REPORTED OUTRAGE ON A MISSION STATION.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A FRENCH VESSEL.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

News has been received from the Bishop of Melanesia of an alleged outrage by the French vessel Chula, of Vilna, at the Rev. Mr. Edgell's Mission, New Hebrides. A boy belonging to the crew ran away. The ship, it is alleged, retaliated by firing on the natives. A party is said to have landed and destroyed Mr. Edgell's property, and to have burned his house and the church and school. The ship has been deprived of its license by the French Admiral, but no compensation has been paid.

TO-DAY.

Kensington Races: First event, 2.15 p.m.
Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Service Association: Sydney Branch, Meeting, Trades Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Christmas Fair: Paddington Town Hall, evening.
Cyclorama: Cinematograph, Illusions, 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "For the Sake of a Woman," 7.50 p.m.
Empire Theatre: "Robinson Crusoe," 7.45 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Greed of Gold," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Alice in Wonderland," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "Hans the Boatman," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville and Variety Season, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Montgomery's Entertainers, 8 p.m.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

MILITARY ALLOWANCES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The subject of allowances of naval and military officers is dealt with in a report issued from the Defence Department. Major-General French, when Commandant of New South Wales, received, in addition to £1250 salary, £640 in allowances, bringing up his total receipts from the Commonwealth to £1893. The £640 was composed of £191 lodging, £27 for stabling, £55 for servants, £33 for fuel and light, while £200 was absorbed by the item "table allowance," and £137 has been paid for furniture. Colonel Mackenzie, senior officer of the New South Wales forces next to the commandant, receives a salary of £456, and allowances £315; Colonel Taunton receives allowances, £288; Colonel S. C. U. Smith, £318; Colonel W. D. C. Williams, £267; and Lieutenant-Colonel Airey, £233. There are nine officers receiving over £168 each in allowances, nine others receiving over £150 and eight receiving £104. One subaltern, whose salary is £277 has allowances which bring his receipts up to £419, or more than the senior officer of the Victorian militia. In Victoria allowances to the Commandant are not available, but, with the exception of Major-General Downes, only one officer in the service of this State (Colonel Price) receives more than £120 in allowances. Colonel Price is allowed £170, two other officers each draw £120, two £115, five £110, and only one other has an allowance exceeding £100. There are no allowances to Victorian officers for stabling, servants, fuel and light, and only the non-commissioned officers draw any allowance for rations, which is given to all the New South Wales permanent military officers, with the exception of the Commandant. South Australia is by far the most economical of all States in this matter, and, with a population differing but little from that of Queensland, the total allowance of £15 to Brigadier-General Gordon for uniforms seems very small, while that of Brigadier-General Finn was £300. The highest allowance granted in South Australia is £40, and only a few exceed half that sum.

BREWERS' LICENSE FEES.

TWO CLAIMANTS.

The licensed brewers of New South Wales find themselves in a peculiar position owing to the fact that both the Federal Government and the State Government have demanded the payment of license fees for the year 1902. The demand of the Federal Government is made under the authority of the Beer Excise Act of 1901. The matter involves a nice point in law. The Federal authorities hold that having cast upon them the duty of collecting excise upon beer they are bound to take such steps as are necessary to protect the revenue. These steps include the licensing of fit and proper persons to carry on the business of brewing, and "licensing" necessarily means the payment of a fee. On the other hand, the regulation of the manufacture and sale of liquor is a matter which naturally falls within the province of the State in connection with its responsibility for the maintenance of peace and good order. It is, so to speak, a matter of police. It is conceivable that the Federal Government might license a brewer of whom the State Government might disapprove in the interests of the public morals. In the opposite case, the Federal Government might refuse to license a man against whom the State offered no objection, because it feared the safety of its revenues. The question is one which doubtless will have to be decided by the High Court.

THE FEDERAL CONTINGENT.

REGISTRATION OF APPLICATIONS.

ENROLMENT BEGINS TO-DAY.

The work of enrolment for the New South Wales detachment of the Federal Contingent will begin to-day. The holiday has caused no delay. Not only have the officers engaged in the work of registering applications been able to overtake arrears, but there will be a wider range of selection than would have been the case if enrolment had been begun a week ago. The officers immediately concerned prefer to have as many applications as possible before them, otherwise there might be a danger of shutting out men of exceptional merit who apply late. Up to last night 1150 applications had been registered. This is exactly three times the number of men required for the New South Wales detachment. Except in the case of men known to have exceptional qualifications, there will be an element of luck in obtaining inclusion in the contingent. The proportion of officers offering is even greater. About 13 officers will be required, and there are 107 applications for commissions.

With the experience previously gained in the organisation and despatch of contingents, and with the abundance of first-class material offering, no difficulty should be found in getting away the contingent by the end of the month. The supply of clothing for such a small draft is an easy matter. Saddlery takes longer to make. Brigadier-General Gordon has brought under the notice of the Premier a new type of saddle which, he claims, is better suited to the conditions of active service, and especially in South Africa, than any yet used. A saving of about 4lb. in weight is effected, and the saddles are just as strong as those of heavier type; and the opinion of Brigadier-General Gordon as to the utility and advantage of his invention has received the confirmation of leading saddlers. The saddles for the Victorian section—or, at least, two companies—are already in course of manufacture. The commandants decided upon adopting a pattern of boots which gave good results. No contract has yet been placed for the supply of boots to the New South Wales detachment, but no time will be lost when the first batches of men have been selected.

THE SHIPS' STORES QUESTION.

POSITION OF FOREIGN MAIL COMPANIES.

STATEMENT BY MR. BARTON.

Mr. Barton, the Federal Premier, was asked by a "Herald" reporter last night if he had anything to say in regard to Mr. Weber's remarks on the subject of the agreement arrived at in respect of the payment of duty on ships' stores used by foreign vessels.

"I do not want to say anything that may seem to be discourteous," said Mr. Barton. "But the real point that was at issue was this: The contention was that if the ships of other nations were not called upon to pay duty for goods used between port and port of the inter-state voyage, while it was apparently attempted that they should pay duty for what was consumed in the port, the foreign companies had some international right which exempted them from the payment of duty on goods consumed between port and port. The British ships do pay duty on all goods consumed between port and port, and the Commonwealth agreement with the French and German boats is that they shall be treated exactly the same as the British and Australian ships pending the decision of the Privy Council in the Oceana case. There is no intention so far as I know in this agreement, except that ships of the German and French companies shall have the same treatment that is meted out to Australian ships. That is what has been agreed to, no more and no less. All the goods upon which the P. and O., Orient boats, or Australian boats pay duty must have duty paid on them by German or French boats, no more and no less.

"The contention about international rights," Mr. Barton continued, "cannot for one moment give ships of foreign nations greater privileges than those enjoyed by British ships. We have no wish to give foreign Powers greater rights than British. It is impossible for foreign shipowners to contend that, while British ships submit and must submit to those laws, they are entitled to be exempt from those laws. International comity does not give the foreigner a claim to greater privileges than those enjoyed by the subjects of, say, Great Britain. That is the principle enforced by this agreement, which is subject, nevertheless, to be determined at a month's notice on either side. It is terminable either by the Commonwealth or the steamship companies. The shipowners may bring the agreement to a close if they do not wish to adhere to it. The result is this: If this agreement is not faithfully kept it is in the power of the Commonwealth to determine it, and the Customs Act would then resume its full force. The Commonwealth Government has the most complete confidence that the companies will keep the agreement. For my part I have no doubt that its terms will be honourably kept by the companies concerned. They have the option of terminating it. So has the Government of the Commonwealth. If the Government does terminate it, then immediately the provisions of the Customs Act with regard to broken seals will be revived."

The Premier remarked in conclusion: "There has been no thought of backing down: all that the Commonwealth desired was the protection of the revenue."

Christmas, 1901.—Two pages of illustrations showing the crowds in Sydney streets and on the beaches at the popular water resorts, are items of interest in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

CHINA.

THE MANCHURIAN CONVENTION.

RUSSIA REFUSES TO AMEND.

THREATENED SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

A SERIOUS POSITION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Russia refuses to amend the treaty with China with regard to Manchuria. M. Lessar, the Russian Minister at Peking, has intimated that unless the treaty is concluded within a fortnight negotiations will be discontinued, and the occupation of the territory by Russia will be maintained.

[It has been reported in the "Standard" that the terms of the new convention which Russia proposed to China with regard to Manchuria are as follows:—"In the first section Russia agrees to return to China the three Manchurian provinces of Sheng-King or Liao-tung, in which Mukden is situated; Kirin, the central province; and Hei-lung-Kiang, north of the Sungari River. In the territory which Russia is to restore is included the Shan-hai-kwan-Niuchwang railway, China agreeing to rely exclusively on Russia for the protection of this line. In the second section, Russia agrees to withdraw her troops from the province of Sheng-King (Liao-tung) during the current year. In the third section Russia agrees to withdraw her troops from the two other provinces, Kirin and Hei-lung-Kiang, gradually within the next two years. In the fourth section China agrees to employ Russian officers to drill the Manchu troops of Tseng-chi, the Tartar General of Mukden." These were so favourable apparently to China that it was considered that another agreement was in existence, and was being kept secret, but, as has been pointed out, Russia at present does not want, unless her hand is forced, to do more than have a substantial guarantee that she will have her railways through Manchuria safe, and that she can take possession of the territory when she desires to do so. Favourable or not, however, to China, the Empress-Dowager refused to have anything to do with the new convention, and it was the stormy interview between M. Lessar and Li Hung Chang, following upon the Empress-Dowager's refusal to have the convetion signed, which led to the illness and ultimately the death of the Chinese Minister. Subsequently when negotiations were resumed with Prince Ching and Wang-wen-shao, Great Britain, Japan, and the United States insisted that they should see the text of any treaty before it was concluded. M. Lessar was then instructed to send to St. Petersburg the objections which China had to the draft treaty, and this action was interpreted as meaning that Russia was willing to modify her demands. The offer of the Russian Minister was followed by China claiming that Russian troops should evacuate Manchuria within three years.]

MASSACRE OF A MISSIONARY AND CONVERTS.

LONDON, Dec 31.

At Prince Tuan's instigation, Tung-fu-hsiang massacred a missionary and a number of converts at Ningshia, in Kansu.

GUARDING THE SUMMER PALACE.

GREAT BRITAIN THANKED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

A Blue Book on China affairs contains the cordial thanks of Prince Ching to Great Britain for her troops having safely guarded the Summer Palace of the Emperor and the treasures it contains.

HONOUR FOR A MURDERED OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

At the instance of Great Britain and the United States the Chinese Emperor has issued an edict restoring to his former honours the late Chan Yin Huan, who was ambassador to Great Britain on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, and who was executed during the Boxer rebellion because he was suspected of leanings towards the foreigners.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Prince of Wales will represent the King in Berlin at the celebration of the birthday of the German Emperor (January 27).

This cable is a confirmation of the report published yesterday that the Prince of Wales would shortly go to Berlin to be invested with the order of the Black Eagle.

AUSTRALASIAN IMPERIALISM.

ARTICLE IN THE "NINETEENTH CENTURY" REVIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Sir Andrew Clarke, the Agent-General for Victoria, has an article entitled "The British Naval Position in the Eastern Seas" in the current number of the "Nineteenth Century and After."

Sir Andrew Clarke applauds the masterful self-confidence of Australasian patriotism in embarking on an Imperial struggle in Australasia. He goes on to say that the Imperialism will be of a true, responsible, and beneficial character, opening its arms to all comers who recognise and appreciate the justice and freedom of British rule.

The "Times" applauds the sentiments expressed by the article.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The "Leeds Mercury" states that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman has seen Lord Rosebery, who insisted upon the acceptance of the policy recently enunciated at Chesterfield without any variation.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman will consult Sir W. Vernon Harcourt and Mr. John Morley.

THE SCOTTISH CHURCHES.

RIOT IN LEWIS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The residents of the island of Lewis, Hebrides, refusing to recognise the union of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches, besieged the police for six hours in a church at Ness, stoning and compelling them to leave the island. The military has been summoned.

THE STEAMER BAN RIGH.

DECLARED A PIRATE.

VENEZUELA OFFERS REWARD FOR CAPTURE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Venezuela has offered the sum of £2000 and the value of the cargo for the capture of the steamer Ban Righ which has been rechristened the Libertador. The vessel has been declared a pirate.

The Ban Righ, when about to depart from the Thames, was detained by the Customs officers on account of the suspicious character of her cargo. She was released in a few days, and proceeded to Antwerp, where she was fitted out as a Colombian gunboat.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Advices received from St. John's, Newfoundland, express anxiety as to whether the expiring modus vivendi with France with regard to the lobster fishery will be renewed.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DE WET'S OPERATIONS.

A GRAPHIC NARRATIVE.

HIS STRATEGY AND TACTICS.

THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The "Standard's" war correspondent has telegraphed a graphic account of Commandant de Wet's fighting in the north-eastern portion of the Orange River Colony.

The Boer leader, realising that the chain of blockhouses and mobile columns which were encircling him would isolate him in a foodless district, reassembled his scattered forces on the Langberg.

Brigadier-General Dartnell hastened to encounter him, and, as already cabled, by means of an ambush drove him from his position.

The Boers charged like cavalry, with desperate courage. But when they were checked their flight became a stampede, and they fled to cover, many falling into the clever impromptu ambush contrived by Sir J. G. Dartnell.

Commandant de Wet sjamboked the Boers who retreated, and made a renewal of the flank attack from cover.

Commandant de Wet's casualties were 100, chiefly caused in the charge and in the retreat across the open.

The British went to Bethlehem, while Commandant de Wet summoned Prinsloo's and Cellier's men, collecting altogether 1700.

Leaving 200 on the Langberg the Boer leader made a feigned march in the direction of Reitz, but doubled back to the south-eastwards to Tweefontein.

The British at this point had previously taken every precaution.

Fifteen hundred Boers crept to the foot of the precipice. Removing their boots so as not to make any noise they climbed the hill, overpowered the picquet, and poured a fearful fire on the Yeomen as they emerged from the tents, which were visible against the sky, while the enemy were barely distinguishable except by their triumphant shouts.

A fierce half-hour's struggle ensued, and before daybreak the Boers had gone.

THE TAFELKOP FIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Commandant Wessels commanded the attack on Major Damant at Tafelkop, near the Wilge River, on December 20. Two hundred Boers hidden in kraals and long grass covered the open position in which Major Damant was placed, and these hidden Boers caused most of the casualties.

Three hundred of the enemy charged the British on the hill.

The leading Boers were riddled with bullets. The struggle was brief and fierce.

Major Damant's guns fired at point blank range until their ammunition was exhausted.

The staff officers used their revolvers till they fell.

The guns were recaptured half an hour after the enemy's flight.

[In this engagement the advance guard of Major Damant's force, which had reached Tafelkop, while galloping to intercept Boers who were crossing the river at Maggiesdeel, mistook 800 of the enemy under Commandant M. Botha for a battalion of Yeomanry, since they were formed in squadrons and were apparently firing volleys. The enemy allowed the advance guard to approach close; but Captain Scott's squadron detected the deception and fired on the Boers, eight of whom dropped. The rest of the enemy with great daring rushed a kopje commanding the main body and the guns. Major Damant, with one troop, tried to gain the crest first, but failed to achieve his object. Then, taking shelter below the crest, the troop fought till all were killed or wounded except four. Captain Scott collected his men, charged the kopje with great gallantry, and captured it. The enemy were in possession of the hill for only a short time. Afterwards Colonel Rimington came up, and pursued the retreating Boers. The British losses were 32 men killed and 38 wounded.]

THE TWEEFONTEIN ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Commandant de Wet detached columns to attack Brigadier-General Dartnell on the Langberg and Major Damant at Tafelkop, reserving 800 men to swoop upon Colonel Firman at Tweefontein. Commandant de Wet is still south of the Langberg.

Captain G. Grice, of the Scottish Rifles, but now attached to the Imperial Yeomanry, was dangerously wounded at Tweefontein.

Jan. 1.

Captain Grice has succumbed to his wounds.

Commandant Gert Olivier, of Bethlehem, was killed at Tweefontein.

The Boers secured the two guns, a 15 pounder, and a pompom.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Captain Grice was a son of Mr. John Grice, and was educated at Cumloden Alma-road, St. Kilda, and in the final year he was dux of the school. After keeping a few terms at Melbourne University he decided to enter the army, and left for England, where shortly afterwards he obtained a commission in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) just before the outbreak of war in South Africa. He obtained speedy promotion to captain, and was then made adjutant.

IN WESTERN CAPE COLONY.

CHARGE ON ENTRENCHED BOERS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Commandant Smuts and his 700 men, after being repulsed from their attack on the convoy proceeding to Calvinia, entrenched themselves on a high ridge.

The 16th Lancers rushed the position and disabled 30 of the enemy.

ENGAGEMENT WITH FOUCHE'S FORCE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Price had an engagement with 16 men of Commandant Fouche's foce at Burghersdorp in the north of Cape Colony, on the 28th ultimo. Field Cornet Venter was killed.

RAID IN SWAZILAND.

MANY NATIVES KILLED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Two hundred Boers raided Inkanini, the residence of the Swazi Queen. The natives offered only a half-hearted resistance and many of them were killed.

THE NATIONAL SCOUTS.

BOTHA'S THREATS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

General Botha has decided that every National Scout whom his forces capture shall be shot.

MR. KRUGER.

DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE AND AN AMNESTY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. Kruger is defiant and provocative. He demands besides the independence of the former republics an amnesty for rebels in Cape Colony and Natal, and compensation for those burghers whose farms have been destroyed.

THE KING INSPECTS THE GUARDS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The King will inspect the brigade of 1200 chosen men from the regiments of the Guards which embark on January 18 for South Africa.

MORE CAVALRY REQUIRED.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Lord Kitchener has asked the War Office for more cavalry.

ARTILLERYMEN AS MOUNTED INFANTRY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

A number of artillerymen who are not further required in South Africa for the artillery are being embodied in three corps each of 1500 men, and are called the Artillery Mounted Infantry.

INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS IMPERATIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The correspondent of the "Standard" at Pretoria reports that reinforcements of infantry are imperative to make an early termination of the war.

IRISH IRREGULARS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Earl of Longford and Viscount Fincastle are raising two regiments for service in South Africa. One regiment will be known as the Irish Horse, and the other as Fincastle's Horse. The embarkation will take place at an early date.

THE TRIAL OF SCHEEPER.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The trial of Commandant Scheeper on charges amongst others of murder and train-wrecking has concluded. Judgment has been reserved.

BOER LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Lord Kitchener telegraphs to the War Office as follows:—Since my last a week ago columns report 35 Boers killed, five wounded, 237 prisoners, and 51 surrenders. This report does not include the losses which the Boers sustained in Commandant de Wet's attack on Brigadier-General Dartnell on the Langberg and Colonel Firman at Tweefontein, and which are reliably estimated to be 30 killed and 50 wounded.

During the same period 7590 rounds of ammunition, 212 rifles, 590 horses, and 1760 cattle were captured.

AUSTRALASIAN CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Private J. M'Cauley, of the 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles, has died of enteric fever at Heilbron. Private J. Stirling Downs, of the 3rd New South Wales Bushmen, has died of dysentery at Pretoria.

Private W. R. Davies, of the 7th New Zealand Mounted Rifles, was severely wounded in the chest at Ingogo.

Private Harry Hart, of the 6th Western Australian Mounted Rifles, was slightly wounded at Merivale.

THE LATE TROOPER CAMPBELL.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

The ceremony of unveiling a memorial tablet to the late Trooper A. M. Campbell, of Wilcannia, who was killed in South Africa, was performed during a service at the Presbyterian church this morning. The ceremony was impressive, the Mayor making an effective speech.

PAY TO CONTINGENTS.

At a recent meeting of returned soldiers from South Africa a committee was appointed to prepare the necessary evidence for a case to be submitted to the courts to test the question of the rate of pay of New South Wales soldiers in South Africa. The committee has retained Mr. John H. Robson, of Vickery's-chambers, and intends preparing a test case for the Second Contingent, the Citizens' Bushmen's Contingent, and the Royal Australian Artillery, respectively.

SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

HOW IT IS SPREAD.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Smallpox which had broken out in a family in London was wrongly diagnosed as blood-poisoning. Two of the family died of the disease. Of a number of relatives who visited the family 14 have since been attacked with smallpox.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The revenue returns for the quarter ended December 31 were published this morning. The total revenue for the quarter was £35,991,808, to which customs contributed £9,337,180, excise £11,513,000, and stamps £2,020,000.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The ship Balclutha arrived yesterday afternoon from Melbourne to load a full cargo of coal for Honolulu or San Francisco; and the steamship Guthrie cleared at the Custom-house for Hongkong, via Sydney, with 1500 tons coal.

In the inter-state trade the following vessels were despatched yesterday:—Steamer Wakatipu, for Launceston, via Sydney, with 850 tons; steamer Port Elliott, for Port Pirie, with 738 tons; and the steamer Dovedale, for Adelaide, with 4050 tons.

THE WARSHIPS.

The commanders and officers of H.M. ships Archer and Sparrow, which are on a visit to this port in connection with the New Year's Day regatta, were entertained at a Mayoral reception at the council-chambers yesterday morning. The Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman W. J. Ellis) presided, and there was a large and representative gathering of citizens. After the loyal toasts had been honoured the Mayor proposed "The Navy," coupled with the names of Commander Ralston, of H.M.S. Archer, and Lieutenant-Commander Coates, of H.M.S. Sparrow. The toast was supported by Mr. Joseph Wood, Mr. Stewart Keightley, the Hon. G. F. Earp, M.L.C., and Mr. S. S. Arnott, president of the regatta committee, and was enthusiastically honoured. Commander Ralston and Lieutenant-Commander Coates responded.

Commander Frank Gardner, of the Newcastle company of the Naval Brigade, with his officers, visited both war vessels this afternoon.

A COTTAGE BURNED.

A four-roomed cottage, constructed of weatherboards and slabs, at Minmi, owned by the firm of Messrs. J. and A. Brown, and tenanted by a miner named George Wells, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. It appears that a lighted match was inadvertently thrown into some dry long grass, which quickly ignited. The flames, fanned by the breeze, spread rapidly, and all efforts to save the dwelling were fruitless. The building was reduced to the ground within a very short space of time, and when the fire brigade arrived on the scene the work of destruction was complete. The cottage was insured, but for what amount and in what office cannot be ascertained. The contents, which were valued at £50, were not covered by insurance.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A miner named Francis Chalmers, lately residing at Minmi, died at 7 o'clock this morning from the effects of injuries received in an accident at Messrs. J. and A. Brown's No. 2 pit at Minmi yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. Crawley, who attended deceased, states that the injuries consisted of several broken ribs which pierced the heart, and a fractured pelvis. The cause of the accident has not transpired, but it is supposed to have been a heavy fall of coal. An inquest on the body will be conducted to-morrow.

The annual returns of the Department of Navigation at Newcastle show that the number of vessels of all descriptions, including coasters, which entered Newcastle during the year just ended was 3997, and the departures numbered 4037. The statistics for the previous year were—arrivals 4135, departures 4088.

THIRD EDITION.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ATTACKS ON THE NATAL BORDER REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Boers on Saturday attacked Laing's Nek and Botha's Pass, on the Northern Natal border, but were repulsed. The British loss was slight.

DE WET'S ARTILLERY.

HIGH VELOCITY GUNS AND A POM-POM.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

When attacking Brigadier Dartnell, Commandant de Wet covered his daring charge with the fire from high velocity guns and from a pom-pom. There is anxiety expressed lest these and other captured guns should imperil the blockhouse system.

A COLONIAL NAVAL RESERVE.

LONDON, Jan, 1.

Admiral Colomb, in a memorandum to the Earl of Selborne, the First Lord of the Admiralty, proposes that Australia, New Zealand, and Canada should provide a naval reserve for the garrisoning of Hongkong and Wei-hai-wei in the event of war. Admiral Colomb says that there is little fear of warships attacking coaling stations, owing to the scarcity of ammunition and the limited life of guns.

THE KING.

REPORTED CONTINUANCE OF RACING.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Lord Marcus Beresford has been appointed Equerry Manager of the King's thoroughbred stud. This is interpreted to mean that the King will continue racing.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLONIAL ADDRESS.

MR. COPELAND'S EXPLANATION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, has been interviewed relative to the presentation of the general colonial address of congratulation to the King on the occasion of the return of the Prince of Wales from his tour. Mr. Copeland says that he proposed that Sir Andrew Clarke, the Agent-General for Victoria, should, in the absence of Lord Strathcona, the High Commissioner for Canada, present the address. The precedence of New South Wales, Mr. Copeland says, was not overlooked in the matter.

VENEZUELA.

GERMAN ULTIMATUM DELAYED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

At the instance of the United States it is believed that Germany will delay the issue of her ultimatum to Venezuela until the Venezuelan rebellion is settled.

GOVERNORSHIP OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, has approached Mr. Chamberlain in relation to the appointment of a new Governor for the State. There is considerable difficulty in obtaining a gentleman for the position owing to the salary having been reduced.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

One thousand delegates called together by the Trades Union Congress and the Co-operative Union Congress will meet in Exeter Hall on the 14th instant to formulate an old-age pensions scheme.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Signor Marconi will experiment with wireless telegraphy between South Africa and South America.

NEW YORK THEATRE BURNED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Bowery Theatre, New York, has been burned.

GAMBLING AT MONTE CARLO.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Earl of Rosslyn in playing by a system is reported to have won 100,000 francs (£4000) at Monte Carlo.

THE ORMUZ AT ADELAIDE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Ormuz arrived to-day later than a mail steamer has appeared at the Semaphore probably for years. The delay was mainly due to adverse weather. A terrific gale was encountered in the Gulf of Lions, during which one of the cooks, named Hutchins, was washed overboard. So violent was the sea that it was impossible to attempt a rescue. Later on a steamer ashore in the Suez Canal caused a delay of 28 hours, and further adverse conditions were experienced.

BUSH FIRE AT LAKE ROWAN.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The bush fire at Lake Rowan on Saturday was the most extensive and disastrous which has occurred since the earliest settlement. The country traversed by the fire presents a dismal appearance. In some cases comfortable homesteads, stacks of machinery, grain and stock, have gone, fence and telegraph poles have been swept away, and one can drive in any direction without meeting any obstacle but wires trailing along in the ashes. Men, women, and children displayed great heroism in endeavours to save their homes. The loss caused by the fire in this district cannot yet be estimated.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL OF THE WAIKARE.

The s.s. Waikare, of 1901 tons, Captain E. Phillips, arrived at 12.30 this morning. The steamer left Dunedin on December 26 at 4 p.m., Lyttelton on the 27th at 5 p.m., Wellington on the 28th at 4.30 p.m. She experienced strong south-west and southerly winds and sea to the 30th, thence strong north-east and southerly winds and sea to arrival. Passengers—Mesdames Rice and child, Williams, Astley and child, Martin, Matheson, Orth, Roser 4 children, Humphries and maid, Clarke and infant, Monton, Dodwell, Washburn, Wagg, Ward, Gatenby, Misses M'Kinlay, Williams, Glanville, Jack, Shirlaw, Strang (2), Beattie, Hutchison, Ward, Scoullar, Waugh, Gatenby, Ruxton, Messrs. Poole, Easton, Lacey, Simpson, Astley, Weston, Alpers, Irving, Roger, Parkinson, Dr. Caro, Collins, Birch, Anderson, Ball, Izard, Preshaw, Lyland, Firth, Rose, Captain Humphries, Wong Sing, Clarke, Samson, Washburn, Stanford, Adams, Cameron, Fleming, Ward, Sullivan.

Imports: 5 bales hops, 11 bales fungus, 81 bales hemp, 23 bales flax, 162 cases fish, 70 cases cheese, 78 sacks fungus, 42 sacks glass, 24 casks pitch, and a quantity of sundries.

At the Central Police Court yesterday a certain man was charged with having in company assaulted Thomas Corlis and robbed him of a silver chain, valued at 15s; and also with having in company assaulted John Corlis and robbed him of a gold chain, a silver watch, and a silver-mounted stick valued at £12. The accused was remanded until the 7th instant.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

ENGLAND V. AUSTRALIA.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

ABOUT 28,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

PERFECT WEATHER.

BUT A BOWLERS' WICKET.

25 WICKETS FOR 221 RUNS.

EIGHT PLAYERS FAIL TO SCORE.

NEW SOUTH WALES PLAYERS HOOTED.

DUFF THE LEADING SCORER.

NOBLE GETS SEVEN WICKETS FOR 17.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The second test match between England and Australia was commenced on the Melbourne Cricket Ground to-day. When the stumps were drawn the Australians had scored 112 runs in their first innings, and had lost five wickets for 48 in the second, while the Englishmen in their first effort registered 61. The weather was delightfully calm, and remarkably cool for New Year's Day. The morning was dull and threatening, and remained so until after luncheon. Then the clouds, first becoming fleecy, soon disappeared, and perfect sunshine continued until the sun finally dipped into the west. The attendance reached 28,000, or 10,000 less than the best day of the Sydney contest, but no doubt the fear of a wetting kept many intending visitors away.

STATE OF THE WICKET.

The wicket was all in favour of the bowlers—the result of the heavy rain and the previously long soakage the caretaker had given the pitch yesterday morning, not anticipating any rain which came up rather suddenly. The caretaker used plenty of water, and then covered the pitch over. The rain came and the water soon found its way under the canvas which subsequently prevented the ground drying. Thus when the wicket was inspected to-day it was found to be so soft and so much grass was on it that the two captains, Darling and MacLaren, agreed that at the end of the day's play the grass should be cut and the wicket rolled and otherwise prepared just as when getting it ready for the match. Thus twice in succession in English matches on the Melbourne ground this season special arrangements had to be made between the opposing captains, the former occasion being when England met Victoria in the second match of the tour.

RESULT OF THE TOSS.

The coin was tossed for the choice of innings right between the wickets. Darling lost. He was not particularly anxious to win, for under such conditions a captain is just as likely to do the wrong as the correct thing. MacLaren was not too pleased over the result of the toss, for it threw upon him the responsibility of coming to a decision, nor did he come to one until he had consulted Robson and one or two others of the eleven. Ten minutes or so subsequently the English captain sought the Australian and intimated that he would take the field, a decision which will now be admitted to have been a good one, though it did not become so until 20 minutes or so before 6 o'clock. Darling and Trumble were then together, and had the association lasted until 6 o'clock the advantage would have been with the Australians. The opening partnership in the second venture of the Australians was broken, and in the remaining little time left for play the home eleven lost no fewer than four more wickets.

BLYTHE'S INJURED FINGER.

The prospects of a wicket in favour of the bowlers made MacLaren paticularly anxious to include Blythe, one of his left-handers, in the team. Great attention was paid to Blythe's injured finger, and finally MacLaren left it to Blythe himself to say whether he should play. The Kentish professional left his answer until the twelfth, not the eleventh, hour. He went out on the ground, had a good practice, found that the finger stood the strain of bowling, and then decided to play. Right through the two occasions the visitors were in the field he did not take a ball thrown in from the field, always allowing a comrade to do so, and protecting his hand in other directions. Having decided about Blythe, MacLaren left out M'Gahey, Garnett, and Robson.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NEW SOUTH WALES PLAYERS.

It has already been stated that the feeling against New South Wales for having so many representatives in the eleven was intense. People continued to discuss it in the pavilion, the stands, and in the shilling portion of the ground, but probably no one anticipated that there would be any demonstration of an unsportsmanlike character. When the Englishmen made their appearance they were received with cheers, Trumper and Darling with moderate applause, but when the New South Wales man retired on the second ball without having scored there were cries of "What about Laver?" "Where's M'Leod?" "Send Noble out." Nor did these emanate from the small-voiced boy, but from several in the crowd. When Noble appeared the demonstration took a much wider significance, and was accompanied by hooting. There was quite a yell of delight when he, and presently Gregory and Kelly, lost their wickets. One could scarcely understand that it was an Australian crowd so anxious to see the discomfiture of their own men. It would require a man to be made of iron to stand up full of nerve against a volley of such exclamations. No doubt some of the New South Wales men were so unnerved thereby as to be placed at a considerable disadvantage, and it was an occasion, owing to the condition of the wicket, when a man needed to have all his wits about him. There were many who feared that the worst display of State jealousy would come when Duff appeared upon the scene, but to the credit of the big majority of those present it is to be said that as soon as his name was hoisted on the board the new aspirant to international honours was cheered, and the applause, which completely drowned whatever hostile utterances were made, lasted until he was just about to take his strike. From that onward Duff, by his vigorous cricket, soon had all the crowd with him, and was loudly applauded throughout his highly serviceable innings of 32—the highest single effort of the match so far. It is impossible to remember a selection that afforded greater surprise to the public, yet of the 25 wickets that fell on a memorable day, his was the best return. Seven were dismissed for nothing, viz., Trumper, Noble, Gregory, Hayward, Gunn, Jones, and Howell; 11 before they reached double figures; and there were only three who obtained more than 20.

THE BOWLING.

Blythe and Barnes bowled unchanged during the Australian's first innings, which yielded 112—a very good effort on such a wicket. The weather up to lunch was dull, therefore the sun had no opportunity to cake the wicket, but during the adjournment the surface of the pitch dried somewhat, and thus became much worse than before lunch. The Australians' innings was over shortly after the resumption after lunch. Then the Englishmen went in, but they fared still worse than the home eleven. As in the case of the Englishmen, only two bowlers were required—Noble and Trumble. The latter secured three wickets—MacLaren's, Hayward's, and Tyldesley's—before Noble had one to his credit, but then the New South Wales selector, operating in magnificent style, cleared the board of the remaining seven wickets at a cost of only 17 runs. Even making all allowances for the wicket, it was a wonderful performance, and gives him for his last two matches 17 wickets for 99 runs. It was possibly one of the proudest moments of his life when, after the jeering before lunch, he should have shortly after met with such a brilliant success. Jessop had a lot to do with spoiling Trumble's figures. He hit the Victorian for 10 in one over and 12 in another. He was easily top with 27, his captain being the only other double figure with 13. The innings closed for 61, or 51 behind the Australians.

It was a little after 4 when Darling and Trumble went forth to open the second innings of the Australians, and they recognised that everything from an Australian point of view depended upon their remaining in possession until 6 o'clock. Though they failed to do so, they did splendidly. The wicket had improved somewhat when they were separated. Four other wickets fell rapidly, and the stumps were drawn at 48 for five wickets. This is equivalent to 99. Five wickets have still to fall, but though they are all good men, the position is now in favour of the Englishmen, for everything points to a good wicket.

THE PLAY.

THE AUSTRALIANS AT THE WICKETS.

At 12.10 MacLaren led his men into the field, and they were shortly followed by Trumper and Darling. The bowling was entrusted to Blythe and Barnes. The first ball was allowed to pass unnoticed by Trumper. The second ball rose high on the off, and Trumper, in trying to cut, got under the ball, which went swiftly and high to Tyldesley, at third man, who effected a not very difficult catch by stepping forward. Hill met with a splendid reception, and with Darling at once assumed the aggressive, but the latter, when he was 3, lifted Blythe out to Gunn, who at first rushed in and then had to go back, but was too late, and could not recover the lost ground. He stopped the ball as it passed over his left shoulder, and Darling escaped. The two left-handers became busy, scoring freely, principally on the leg side, though Hill's opening effort was a beautiful cut past point to the grand stand rails, and 30 were hoisted after about 17 minutes' play. The crowd grew quite enthusiastic, but two runs later Hill tried to lift Barnes to long on. The ball struck his leg and cannoned on to the wicket. The outgoer's share of the 34 on the board was 15. Trumble then came, and saw Darling caught by Lilley off Blythe for 19. Noble followed. When Trumper got out a section of the crowd shouted for Noble.

CONDUCT OF THE CROWD.

There was an intense feeling that New South Wales was represented beyond merit in the Australian team, and incredible as it may seem it was apparent that the non-success of the New South Wales men would be welcome to some of the crowd. When Noble, one of the selectors, appeared he was jeered at. He was almost at once caught off a ball from Blythe, which rose high over the wicket, and as he retired he was subjected to a hooting send-off by the crowd. It was the Australians barracking against themselves. Gregory, who also came in for some derision, was stumped by Lilley, and retired for nothing. The fifth wicket fell at 38. The ball was cutting lumps of turf out of the pitch, and the bowling was unplayable. The appearance of Duff's name on the board was at once the signal for cheers from the majority of the spectators, which were intended to counteract the yells of the unruly section, and thus Duff reached the wicket without having to submit to the running fire of insulting comment to which his New South Wales predecessors had been subjected. He, however, very quickly had all the crowd with him.

DUFF BATS DASHINGLY.

Duff opened vigorously, especially in his on strokes, and soon reached double figures. He had a remarkably narrow escape of being run out. It was a magnificent bit of work by Braund at short slip. Duff cut a ball from Barnes, and was so sure of it getting past the fieldsman that he started for the run. Braund, however, seized the ball when it appeared to have already passed him and returned it to Lilley like lightning. The wicket-keeper had the bails off in no time. Duff, however, had seen Braund field the ball and made a spread-eagled effort to recover his ground. There was momentary breathless suspense. He got home in time and the crowd cheered. The New South Wales man continued to play with great dash, and, considering the wicket conditions, his exhibition was a highly meritorious one. Trumble was slow compared with Duff, who at length left Darling's 19 behind, and then twice in one over hit Blythe to the rails, the first in the direction of the press box and the second was a pull to square-leg. At 81, and after a partnership of 43, Trumble was caught by Braund off Blythe for 16. He was in for 46 minutes. Duff was 28, and there were six out when Kelly appeared. At the luncheon adjournment the total was 85, Duff 32, Kelly 0.

A RUN OF BAD LUCK.

Play was resumed at 2.17, the bowling, as before, being in the hands of Blythe and Barnes. The former sent down an over, then Duff was caught splendidly by Braund, left hand, just off the ground. The North Sydney representative was in for 23 minutes, and hit five 4's. His play was exceptionally good, considering the difficulties of the wicket. Everything pitched up far enough to be reached he hit out to the field or to the fence, and thus played the right game. Seven for 85. Armstrong came next. Kelly hit a ball from Blythe to Jessop, and that brilliant fieldsman picked up splendidly and returned to Lilley when Armstrong was yards out of his ground, but strange to say the English wicket-keeper, who up to this had done remarkably good work, failed to take and Armstrong missed dismissal for nil. Kelly shortly afterwards was caught by Quaife at forward cover off a miss hit. Eight for 80. Howell became associated with Armstrong who, with a couple of fine strokes which were fielded, brought 3 opposite his name. Howell was then bowled by Barnes with a good length ball, which the hard hitter simply tried to play. Nine for 94.

SENSATIONAL HITTING BY JONES.

Jones, who was the last man, lifted Blythe out to Braund at forward square-leg, where a good though unsuccessful effort to secure the catch was made. The ball ran out of the fieldsman's hand to the fence, and 103 was hoisted, the century occupying 105 minutes. Jones continued his sensational hitting. He lifted Barnes high out to his namesake at square-leg. The Notts captain backed towards the rails, put his hand up, but failed to hold. Had he judged the flight of the ball better at the start he would have made a fairly easy catch of it. Lilley then missed stumping Armstrong off Blythe. The batsman was out of his ground, and the wicket-keeper failed to take the ball. In the next over Jones lifted Barnes to the off, where MacLaren took an easy catch and the innings closed for 112. Jones obtained 14 and Armstrong was not out 4. There were six sundries, all byes. The innings lasted 1 hour 52 minutes.

BOWLING OF THE VISITORS.

Blythe and Barnes bowled all through the innings. They frequently beat the bat, the ball cutting all sorts of capers and at the same time lumps of turf out of the wicket. Barnes secured the better result, his six wickets costing 42, while Blythe's four cost 64. Everything possible was done to save Blythe's hand. Every hard return was taken by one of the other men in the field.

THE ENGLISHMEN'S INNINGS.—ALL OUT FOR 61.

The visitors' innings was opened by MacLaren and Hayward. Trumble started the attack from the river end. The first ball was nicely put to the leg rails by the English captain, and the second produced a single. This brought Hayward opposite the Victorian, who played the third ball but was well caught by Darling at fine leg close in off the fourth. One for 5. Tyldesley became associated with his captain and 10 was shortly hoisted. Noble was entrusted with the attack from the pavilion end. Tyldesley and MacLaren carried the total to 16, at which the latter lifted Trumble out to Jones, who was stationed at on half hit, and the second wicket fell to Trumble at a cost of 10. Without alteration the third wicket fell, and again was Trumble the bowler. Tyldesley when two turned a ball to Gregory at mid-on. Trumble's figures were now three for 10. Jessop and Quaife were together. The former opened his account with a single off Trumble and then back cut Noble for 3. At 24 Noble secured his first wicket for 8. Quaife played back, the ball got up high for the little man, got mixed up with his hands, and fell on to the wicket, 4-0-24. Gunn was smartly stumped by Kelly off Noble. 5-0-36.

JESSOP'S REMARKABLE STROKE.

Jessop, however, at once got to work with his remarkable stroke. He lifted Trumble from the centre stump to long leg, where Darling was fielding, and a couple were run. Then he repeated the stroke, though straighter with the wicket. The next he lifted high to the off rails, and then the fourth ball also went to leg for a couple, the over producing 10 runs. This sort of play started the crowd cheering and kept them going for a while. He hit Trumble grandly for 5, then obtained a single. Lilley, who joined Jessop, was easily missed by Jones at long-on off Trumble. Jessop then closed the over with a high off hit for 4, the ball lodging on the rails, the over yielding a dozen. The half century occupied 30 minutes, but at this Jessop, who had been in 20 minutes, was stumped by Kelly off Noble. Without any alteration in the total Jones was given out caught by Kelly off Noble. The Notts captain evidently was dissatisfied with Crockett's decision, and some seconds elapsed before the answer to the appeal was understood to be out. Lilley was the next to go. After giving a chance to Darling at forward square leg he lifted one between the wickets, and was well held by Trumper off Noble, 8-6-56. The innings closed for 61. Barnes having made 1 was caught and bowled by Noble. Blythe, who followed, was caught by Trumper after making 4, Braund carrying out his bat for 2.

THE AUSTRALIANS' SECOND VENTURE—A BAD START.

Darling and Trumble commenced the second innings of the Australians, who held a lead of 51. The wicket, which after lunch quickly became caked by the sun, played much worse than before. The roller, however, at 4 o'clock improved it a lot, and now the ball came along more like it usually does on Australian wickets. Barnes and Blythe maintained so excellent a length that 20 minutes' play produced but 11 runs. A great deal depended upon the result of the next 90 minutes, and absolute care was necessary. There was every indication that the wicket for the second day would be perfect, so that the margin of 51 in favour of the home team would be very poor if a number of wickets were lost before night. Every delivery that dropped on the doubtful spot outside the off stump was left alone, and the leg was advanced to prevent a breaking ball taking the wicket. Maiden overs were not to MacLaren's liking, so at 12 Braund was brought on in place of Blythe, whose debit was 9. This was the first change of the day. When he was 13 Darling lifted Barnes almost straight to Hayward. There was a moment of suspense as the fieldsman made his run to get to the ball. He was not quite fast enough, and 4 were added to the ex-South Australian's total, making him 15. At 28 Blythe relieved Barnes, who, after a wait of an over, took Braund's end and the latter went on at the opposite end.

GOOD CATCH BY TYLDESLEY.

Four runs later, Darling hit Barnes high towards the members' pavilion. Tyldesley ran to the left, and, measuring the chance splendidly, brought over a really good catch. Darling was in five minutes under the hour for 23, and had played, under the circumstances, a remarkably good innings indeed—much better than the number on the board conveyed. Kelly became associated with Trumble, but, with 10 added, the latter put one from Barnes over Braund's head at short slip, and the fieldsman, turning round, secured an easy chance. Trumble was in for 1 hour and 10 minutes for 16, a very serviceable innings.

WICKETS FALL QUICKLY.

Howell was caught the first ball by Hayward off Barnes, whose three wickets had been secured for 22 runs. Gregory came next, and played the ball to the off softly. Kelly, desirous of seeing Gregory break his pair of spectacles, rushed for the run. Quaife, anticipating the batsman's intention, was prepared for the attempt. He darted forward, picked up, and threw to the bowler, Braund, who put down the wicket before Kelly could recover his ground. It was a very fine bit of play on the part of Quaife. The second wicket fell at 42, the third at 42, and the fourth at 42. Gregory and Jones were now together, but after adding half a dozen Jones was caught by MacLaren for 5, and the stumps were then drawn, the total being 48 for five wickets. Barnes's figures were four wickets for 26 runs, Blythe none for 9, Braund none for 12.

The following are the scores:—

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Trumper, c Tyldesley, b Barnes	0
Darling, c Lilley, b Blythe	19
Hill, b Barnes	15
Trumble, c Braund, b Blythe	16
Noble, c Lilley, b Blythe	0
Gregory, c Lilley, b Blythe	0
Duff, c Braund, b Barnes	32
Kelly, c Quaife, b Barnes	5
Armstrong, not out	4
Howell, b Barnes	1
Jones, c M'Laren, b Barnes	14
Sundries	6
Total	112

Fall of Wickets.—1-0, 2-32, 3-34, 4-34, 5-38, 6-81, 7-85, 8-90, 9-94, 10-112.

Bowling.—Barnes, 97 balls, 42 runs, 5 maidens, 6 wickets; Blythe, 90 balls, 64 runs, 2 maidens, 4 wickets.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

M'Laren, c Jones, b Trumble	13
Hayward, c Darling, b Trumble	0
Tyldesley, c Gregory, b Trumble	2
Quaife, b Noble	0
Jessop, st Kelly, b Noble	27
Gunn, st Kelly, b Noble	0
Lilley, c Trumper, b Noble	6
Jones, c Kelly, b Noble	0
Braund, not out	2
Barnes, c and b Noble	1
Blythe, c Trumper, b Noble	4
Sundries	6
Total	61

Fall of Wickets.—1-5, 2-16, 3-16, 4-24, 5-36, 6-51, 7-51, 8-56, 9-57, 10-61.

Bowling.—Noble, 46 balls, 17 runs, 2 maidens, 7 wickets; Trumble, 48 balls, 38 runs, 1 maiden, 3 wickets.

AUSTRALIA.—Second Innings.

Darling, c Tyldesley, b Barnes	23
Trumble, c Braund, b Barnes	16
Kelly, run out	3
Howell, c Hayward, b Barnes	0
Gregory, not out	0
Jones, c MacLaren, b Barnes	5
Sundries	1
Five wickets for	48

Fall of Wickets: 1-33, 2-42, 3-42, 4-42, 5-48.

QUEENSLAND.

THE HOLIDAY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The weather was fine and warm for the holiday, the principal attraction being the Q.T.C. races. Several excursions to Moreton Bay were well patronised, while large numbers picnicked at various seaside or country resorts.

GREAT HEAT.

The heat throughout Queensland, especially in the interior, during the past few days has been very great, many places reporting temperatures ranging up to 113°.

A GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

A ghastly discovery was made to-day. A human skeleton was found on the beach at Wellington Point, near Tingalpa Creek.

The skeleton was later identified as that of the unfortunate man Marlow, who with his three sons perished in the boating disaster on Boxing Day. The skeleton was identified owing to some peculiarity in the teeth of the lower jaw.

ILLICIT STILL SEIZED AT RYDE.

COMPLETE PLANT FOUND.

An important seizure of an illicit still was made by the Customs authorities at Ryde yesterday afternoon. The coup was carried out under the supervision of Customs Inspector Donahoe, assisted by Sergeant Ross (of Ryde police station) and Constables Kelly and Wilson.

The premises on which the seizure was made comprise a large residence surrounded by grounds overlooking the Parramatta River. The officers had for some little time past been observing the place with suspicion, and yesterday it was resolved to take decisive action. Accordingly in the afternoon they proceeded in a body to the premises. They found a number of picnickers in the vicinity, some of whom had wandered on to the property about the house which was under surveillance. As they neared the building they noticed a couple of men who were turning the visitors away. The officers approached, and when they got within speaking distance of the two men they were told by the latter that they were trespassing on private property, and that they must at once depart. Inspector Donahoe, however, replied to the effect that they were present on business, and requested to be led to the house. This, however, the men declined to do, and the police then announced their identity and mission, and at the same time produced the necessary warrants.

The two men stoutly denied the existence of an illicit still. At the same time, however, they consented to show the officers over the building. A search was at once instituted, and in a few minutes it was seen that the suspicions of the authorities had been correct. The party entered the kitchen in a body, and immediately afterwards one of the men made a dash for his liberty. Before he had proceeded far, however, he was secured and placed under arrest. In a room adjoining the kitchen a complete distilling plant was discovered. A large copper and the usual materials used for the distillation of spirit, including the "worm," were seized by the police. The second man was then arrested.

Both men will appear at the Ryde court to-day.

AN INFANT'S DEATH.

STRANGLED BETWEEN THE RAILINGS OF A COT.

The death of an infant named Stella Hart, aged 12 months, took place at the home of its parents in Wigram-road, Glebe Point, under remarkable circumstances yesterday afternoon. It appears that at 1 o'clock a nursegirl who had charge of the child placed it asleep in a cot. Returning to the room some time later the girl found that the infant had slipped partly through the railing on one side, and was hanging by the neck. With all haste she removed the child from her position, and medical attendance was at once sought. Before a doctor arrived, however, death had resulted. The Coroner has been informed.

THE STEAMER DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

AGROUND IN THE BRISBANE RIVER.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Whilst the steamer Duke of Devonshire was proceeding to Brisbane from Northern ports she ran aground at the mouth of the river, but the tide rising she floated off. The vessel again grounded near Breakfast Creek, where she now lies. The passengers were brought to the city by a tug. The captain and the passengers refuse to make any statement regarding the recent accident when the vessel went ashore on Hunter's Reef.

R.M.S. HIMALAYA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Himalaya arrived from London at 5 a.m. to-day with the following first saloon passengers aboard:—

For Fremantle: Messrs. J. Charra, H. Broadbent, S. Coutts, and Yuille.

For Adelaide: Mr. and Mrs. Devenport and two children, Mr. J. Edmonds, Mr. W. B. Foote.

For Melbourne: Misses Murray and Shannon, Robertson (2), Moore, Mrs. Morrison and four children, Colonel and Mrs. Hughes, Messrs. M'Cathy, Robertson, and J. G. Farrs.

For Sydney: The Hon. C. Carnegie, Captain and Mrs. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackow, Mrs. Alexander Hay, Mr. and Mrs. T. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Mr. H. Mackow, Mr. M. Medleycott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Brockopp, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Nelson, Messrs. G. Anderson, G. M. Arch, Bickles, J. H. Johnson, Brasch, W. Mardropp, C. Mintett, W. H. Stanley, Mrs. Abrahams, Captain Connibere, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. Colgrave, Miss Colgrave, Messrs. Dickson, A. Bainsbridge, W. H. Jones, H. S. Bainsbridge, A. Murley, J. Muir, E. W. Ellis.

For Brisbane: Mr. C. H. Sippe.

For Hobart: Mr. A. N. Butler, Colonel and Miss Cox.

For New Zealand: General and Mrs. Babington, Captain Campbell, Miss Babington, M. E. Willmott.

The Himalaya left for Largs Bay at 4 p.m.

THE BATHURST BAND CONTEST.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The following awards were made to-night in connection with the musical competitions:—

Cornet Solo.—A. Maddy (Bathurst), 10 points, 1; L. C. Bragg (Newtown), 9 points, 2.

Brass Quartette.—T. F. Griffiths, E. Bullock, E. J. Griffiths, E. Walmsley (Newtown), 88 points, 1; Bathurst No. 1 (A. Maddy, O. Johnson, C. O'Dey, W. Naylor), 86 points, tied second place with Bathurst No. 2 (C. Lowe, H. Maddy, W. O'Dey, J. Ingray).

Drum-major Medal.—E. Jones (Bathurst), 1.

First-class Quick Step.—Newtown, 197 points, 1, Bathurst, 188 points, 2; Helensburgh, 176½ points, 3.

Second-class Quick Step.—Helensburgh, 188½ points, 1; Burraga, 183 points, 2; Mudgee, 180 points, 3.

First-class Band Contest, Prize of £50, with the Besson Cup valued at £50, and the Boosey Cup valued at £30; second prize £20.—Three bands competed. Bathurst, 133 points, 1; Newtown, 130 points, 2; Helensburgh, 129 points, 3.

Second-class Contest. Prize, £35; second prize, £15.—Helensburgh, 128 points, 1; Dapto, 117 points, 2; Lewisham, 116 points, 3; Burraga, 115 points, 4; Mudgee, 114; Clifton, 113.

THE BURRUMBEET REFLOATED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The steamer Burrumbeet, which grounded near Werribee on Tuesday whilst proceeding to Geelong, floated off early this morning, having first been relieved of about 200 tons of coal. The Burrumbeet was apparently uninjured and went on to Geelong.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

PERFECT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

GREAT HOLIDAY TURNOUT.

If the atmospheric conditions yesterday may be taken as an augury of the prospects for the new year its prosperity is assured. The sun, shining in a sky presenting not even a cloud fleck during the forenoon, and its summer heat tempered by a brisk southerly breeze, gave the Sydney people typical Australian weather for the holiday and enabled them to celebrate the advent of 1902 with a maximum amount of enjoyment. The attractions for spending the day out of doors proved irresistible, and those who from business motives or curiosity passed an hour in attempting to gauge the tram traffic must have come to the conclusion that a vast majority of the people of Sydney and its thickly-populated suburbs had left home determined to make the best of the opportunity afforded them of a few hours' relaxation in the open air. The usual holiday scene at Circular Quay, so novel and instructive to a stranger, but comparatively uninteresting to old residents who have seen it so often, was re-enacted. From the railway and the eastern, western, and northern suburbs crowds of well-dressed women and children, with their more sombrely-clad male attendants, commenced to converge upon the quay before 9 o'clock in the morning, and the jetties were soon thronged with excursionists, who were either waiting for or hurrying on board the harbour ferryboats. The Port Jackson Steamship Company's wharf, in particular, presented a most animated aspect, and it says a good deal for the foresight and care of those whose business it was to regulate and control the traffic that portions of the surging mass of humanity escaped an involuntary plunge into the water. A good-humoured and unselfish toleration of one another on the part of the people and a commendable antipathy to disorder may also have had something to do with the precision with which the process of embarkation was carried on, but certain it is that the patrons of "down the harbour" trips got aboard in remarkably quick time. At the Watson's Bay, Middle Harbour, and other jetties a similar state of things—though on a smaller scale—was observable, and it was pretty well on towards noon before the congestion was relieved. Under such circumstances Manly Beach was simply invaded by a floating population, and Watson's Bay also received a satisfactory share of festive patronage, while the pretty nooks and long beaches of Middle Harbour afforded room for a large number of picnic parties, who from long experience knew how to turn to beneficial account the beauty of nature's surroundings. Then, returning to Sydney, there was the time-honoured Highland Gathering at the Sydney Cricket Ground, where a large concourse of people enjoyed a few hours of healthy excitement. Scot had his annual "crack" with Scot, and many a "bonnet" flaunted a bit of heather. Tattersall's Club presented an ample programme at Randwick for the votaries of racing, who assembled there in large numbers, and the special matinees of the theatres also found great favour with the juveniles and "children of a larger growth" also. The evening set in somewhat cloudy and threatening, but there were numerous promenaders in the principal thoroughfares, and the theatres received a full meed of attention at the hands of the holiday folk.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING.

DEMONSTRATION ON THE SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

A beautiful day as regards weather and the well-known reputation of the Highland Society of New South Wales for always providing an admirable day's sport for its patrons were the chief factors in attracting a large attendance yesterday to the Sydney Cricket Ground on the occasion of the thirty-fourth gathering held under the auspices of the society in question.

The proceedings commenced at 10 a.m. with athletic contests in the centre of the ground, and also on the asphalt running track. By that time the grand stand, the members' stands, and the slope where the general public assembled were well filled. As the day wore on the public continued to arrive, so that at 3 o'clock the attendance was the largest ever recorded in connection with similar gatherings.

The athletic arena presented a picturesque and lively appearance, owing to the presence of a large number of the adult sons of Scotia dressed in Highland garb. There were also a number of children dressed in similar fashion, who looked very well. The presence of squads of riflemen from various corps engaged in the volley-firing competitions, and the activity displayed by a number of Naval Brigade men and marines in various athletic contests, added to the interest and picturesqueness of the scene.

As to the contests, they were exceedingly varied in character. Indeed, so varied were they that they could in no way be said to be wholly related to the sports and pastimes of Scotland. No one expected that the competitions would be confined to those indigenous to Scotland. The committee of management very wisely recognised that the society must cater to the pleasure of various nationalities as regards sport, hence the programme contained something of interest to every spectator. The skirl of the bagpipes pervaded the grounds as Scottish dances were engaged in by adult Scotchmen, as well as by boys and girls. The dancing was of a high order, and was greatly appreciated by the spectators in the grand stand, in front of which the dancing took place on a raised platform. Great interest was taken in the bicycle races and the pedestrian events, as well as in tossing the caber and throwing the hammer. The bayonet and cutlass exercises by different squads of men from several regiments proved most entertaining. The humour of the day was provided by the obstacle races, walking the greasy pole, and the race in which the competitors had to carry a bucket of water on their heads.

Amongst the officers of the society present were Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C. (patron), Professor T. P. Anderson-Stuart (president), Rev. John Ferguson, A. T. Telfer, R. Anderson, sen., Dr. Matheson, H. C. L. Anderson, Gordon Marr, Senator J. T. Walker, Dugald Thomson, M.P., and Dr. MacCormack (vice-presidents), Messrs. J. T. Coffill, R. Doyle, J. Muir, T. Davis, J. M. Pringle, and Dr. George Armstrong (councillors), Messrs. S. J. Carruthers and J. R. Cameron (auditors), W. C. Marshall (hon. treasurer), R. M. M'C. Anderson (hon. secretary), and C. A. M'Kinnon (secretary). Amongst the prominent visitors were the Treasurer (Mr. Waddell), the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan), the Minister for Mines and Agriculture (Mr. Kidd), and Mr. Hayes (honorary member of the Cabinet), the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Hughes), the ex-Mayor (Alderman Sir James Graham), and the Military Commandant (Brigadier-General Finn).

THE LUNCHEON.

SPEECHES BY FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTERS.

SIR WILLIAM LYNE ON PRO-BOER MEETINGS.

During the afternoon the president and council of the Highland Society entertained a number of their guests at a light luncheon. The proceedings were delayed some time, as it was anticipated that the Federal Premier (Mr. Barton) would be able to attend at 4 o'clock, but as he had not arrived some time after that hour it was decided to proceed with the function.

The president of the society (Professor Anderson Stuart) presided, and proposed the healths of the King, the Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, and the State Governor (Sir Frederick M. Darley), all of which were honoured with enthusiasm.

Mr. H. C. L. Anderson proposed "The Health of the Military Commandant, Brigadier-General Finn."

The toast was cordially received.

Brigadier-General Finn said it was a great honour to be invited to such an important Highland gathering, and he was pleased at the kindness extended to a new-comer amongst them. He felt that he had undertaken a great responsibility in taking up the duties of director of the military forces of New South Wales, but he would strive hard to command the confidence of the forces, and to maintain a high state of efficiency. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. MacLaurin, patron of the Highland Society, proposed the health of the new Mayor, Alderman Hughes. He was a young and untried man, and they would expect all the more from him on that account. He (Dr. MacLaurin) was satisfied that their expectations would be realised. He was sorry to have to say good-bye to Sir James Graham as Mayor of Sydney, but in welcoming the new Mayor they hoped to be able, when the next Highland gathering was held, to congratulate him on a year of excellent work on behalf of the city. (Applause.)

The toast was cordially acknowledged.

The Mayor said it would ill-become him to make a prophecy as to what would be the result of his year's labours. All he could say was that if he filled the Mayoral chair as worthily as Sir James Graham he would retire from the position with credit to himself, and advantage to the city. (Applause.)

The president proposed the health of the State Ministry, coupled with the name of the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan), who was the only member present.

The toast was acknowledged with extreme cordiality.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in replying, said that it was a great day for Scotchmen. Nature had certainly favoured that wonderful race, which embraced the good qualities of the Scandinavian, the Saxon, the Pict, and the Norseman. To show how the people appreciated the great Scotch holiday he need only say that that day trams had carried nearly 500,000 people, as compared with 430,000 on Boxing Day. (Applause.) Whilst he admired Scotchmen, he had a great fault to find with them. They were always on top. (Laughter.) If one wanted to climb to a good position in New South Wales it was necessary to climb on the back of a Scotchman. (Laughter.) If they had to change the name of New

South Wales they would have to consider the desirability or otherwise of calling it Neuvo-Scotia. (Laughter.) He was a great admirer of the British Empire, but he found fault with Englishmen in using the term "Anglo-Saxon," because it shut out Scotchmen, Irishmen, and Welshmen from joining in the distinction attributed to the people of the British Empire. He contended that the term "Anglo-Saxon" should be abolished in favour of "Anglo-Celtic." He hoped and trusted the great celebration of the day would long be repeated, and that Scotchmen would long enjoy the distinction they were entitled to by reason of their brains, energy, and progressiveness. (Applause.)

The president said that the society was in a more prosperous condition now than ever it was. At that moment there were 550 financial members. (Hear, hear.) Much of this success was due to the hon. secretary, Mr. R. M. M'C. Anderson. (Applause.)

The health of the Highland Society of New South Wales was proposed by the Mayor of Sydney, and was warmly received. At this stage Sir William Lyne, Minister for Home Affairs in the Federal Government, entered the room. Sir James Graham proposed the health of the Federal Ministry, coupled with the name of Sir William Lyne, and it was well received.

REMARKS BY SIR WILLIAM LYNE.

Sir William Lyne, in replying, said that a few days ago someone expressed astonishment that he (the speaker) had the temerity to come to Sydney, considering the state of politics in connection with the federal tariff. He had come, however, and he found that he still had a great many friends in Sydney. He congratulated the Highland Society on the splendour of that day's celebration. The people of Australia had much to thank the sturdy Scotch pioneers of the old days, for they had assisted materially to lay the foundation of Australia's prosperity on a sound basis. Wherever there had been danger to the British Empire or distress amongst its people Scotchmen were always to the fore. In this connection he wished to say that he regretted having read in the newspapers the report of a pro-Boer meeting held in a township on the Murray River. (Hear, hear.) Whilst he admired the bravery of the Boers—and they were brave men—he maintained that it would be impossible for England to give them a share in the government of the Transvaal or the Orange River Colony until they had been fully conquered. (Applause.) Until that time arrived the British must stand shoulder to shoulder in order to maintain the Empire intact. (Applause.) Now was not the time to consider the question of granting the Boers self-government, because it was a time when certain nations would seize any opportunity of harassing Great Britain. It was at such a time that the Scotch and the Irish should stand shoulder to shoulder to preserve the freest and most beneficent Constitution in the world. (Hear, hear.) With regard to federal politics, he knew there were many gentlemen present who did not want to be taxed through the customs, or by means of a land tax. It was necessary, however, to impose taxes in order to carry on the government of the Commonwealth. The Federal Government sought to do so by means of a tariff that was neither freetrade nor protection, and had done the best it could. (A voice: "No.") The Federal Ministry was trying the best it could to lay a sound foundation on which to build the future prosperity of the Australian Commonwealth. He trusted the time would never come when they would find it necessary to sever from the motherland. But if that time did come, through the force of increased population, they would find it would be a mutual separation, with a sympathetic adhesion which would keep the Constitution and integrity of the British people intact for ever. (Applause.)

The proceedings closed with the company drinking the health of the president.

THE SPORTS.

The sports resulted as follows:—

Boys' Flat Race (15 years and under), 100 yards, handicap. Three prizes, £1, 15s, and 10s.—H. Wright, 1; J. Williams, 2; Charles Young, 3.

Tossing the Caber. Three prizes, £3, £1, and 15s.—Charles Gandry, 20ft. 7in., 1; Charles Cooke, 19ft. 2in., 2; W. Sinclair, 17ft. 6in., 3.

Throwing the Hammer, all-comers handicap. Three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—W. Mackie (9ft. handicap), 85ft. 10½in., 1; J. Mackie (9ft. handicap), 84ft. 10in., 2; J. Robertson (scratch), 3.

Putting the Stone (22lb.), handicap. Three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—W. Mackie (12in. handicap), 29ft. 9½in., 1; J. Folkard (scratch), 28ft. 4½in., 2; J. Mackie (18in. handicap), 28ft. 2½in., 3.

Cutlass Exercise, open to teams of 10 men and one petty officer commanding, belonging to H.M. navy or local naval forces. First prize, £8 8s; second prize, £4 2s 6d.—Naval Artillery Volunteers C Company, P. Catler, P.O., 80 points, 1; Naval Artillery Volunteers A Company, A. A. Swanson, P.O., 79 points, 2.

Running High Jump, all-comers' handicap. Three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—Davis, 5ft. 5½in., 1; Gough, 5ft. 3½in., 2; Martin, 5ft. 2½in., 3.

Hop, Step, and Jump, all comers. Three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—Longbottom, 42ft. 4½in., 1; Davis, 42ft. 1¼in., 2; Findlay, 40ft. 9in., 3.

Bayonet Exercise. Prizes, £8 8s and £4 2s 6d. Sections to consist of an officer and a minimum company of 10 privates.—Royal Australian Artillery, 151 points, 1; Royal Marines, Garden Island, 150 points, 2; Royal Marines, H.M.S. Katoomba, 148 points, 3.

Highland Fling, boys 12 to 16 years, in costume. Three prizes, £1 5s, 15s, and 7s 6d.—Harold Bellamy, 1; Alex M'Leod Sharp, 2; James Anderson, 3.

Highland Fling, lassies 12 to 16, in costume. Three prizes, £1 5s, 15s, and 7s 6d.—Gertie Stapleton, 1; Edith M'Dowell, 2; Katie Callaghan, 3.

Highland Fling, boys under 12, in costume. Three prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—W. A. M'L. Sharp, 1. Only one prize awarded.

Highland Fling, lassies under 12, in costume. Three prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—Emily Maguire, 1; Irene Wiseman, 2; Mary Sneddon, 3.

Highland Fling, adults in costume. Three prizes, £3, £2, and £1.—T. M. Mackay, 1; W. Miller, 2; A. Bellamy, 3.

Gillie Callum, boys 12 to 16, in costume. Three prizes, £1 10s, £1, and 15s.—Harold Bellamy, 1; A. M'L. Sharp, 2; James Anderson, 3.

Highland Reel, adults in costume. Three prizes, £3, £2, and £1.—T. M. Mackay, 1; J. Munro, 2; J. Lyon, 3.

Highland Reel, boys 12 to 16, in costume. Three prizes, £1, 12s 6d, and 7s 6d.—Harold Bellamy, 1; J. Anderson, 2. Only two prizes awarded.

Best Dressed Highland Boy, 10 to 16 years. Three prizes, £2, 15s, and 5s.—Harold Bellamy, 1; Jack Johnson, 2; A. M'L. Sharp, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Lassie, 10 to 16 years. Three prizes, £2, 15s, and 5s.—Edith M'Dowell, 1; Lilian M'Dowell, 2; Christina Stewart, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Boy, under 10 years. Three prizes, £2, 15s, and 5s.—Norman Matheson, 1; William A. Sharp, 2; — Coxhedge, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Lassie, 10 years and under. Three prizes, £2, 15s, and 5s.—Ruby Birks, 1; Isabella Renfrew, 2; Isabella Perry, 3.

Gillie Callum, adults, in costume. Three prizes, £3, £2, and £1.—T. M. Mackay, 1; James Munro, jun., 2; Arthur S. Bellamy, 3.

Reel O'Tulloch, adults, in costume. Three prizes, £3, £2, and £1.—T. M. Mackay, 1; James Munro, jun., 2; Arthur S. Bellamy, 3.

Irish Jig, men, and boys over 16, in costume. Three prizes, £2, £1 10s, £1.—T. Wood, 1; T. M. Mackay, 2; James Munro, jun., 3.

Sailors' Hornpipe, men, and boys over 16, in costume. Three prizes, £2, £1 10s, and £1.—T. M. Mackay, 1; T. Wood, 2; William Miller, 3.

Best Dressed Highlander. Three prizes, £4, £2, and £1.—James Munro, jun., 1; Arthur S. Bellamy, 2; J. Nicholson, 3.

New Year's Day Cup (150 yards handicap), all comers. Three prizes, £5, £2, and £1.—R. T. Findlay, 28 yards, 1; T. Cartwright, 18 yards, 2; J. J. Taylor, 15 yards, and J. T. Brock, 16½ yards (dead heat), 3.

One Mile Amateur Bicycle Handicap (under rules of N.S.W. Cyclists' Union). Three prizes (open orders), £4, £2, and £1. Heat winners, 10s each. First three in each heat to start in final.—First heat: W. Turnbull, scratch, 1; D. Ellis, 40 yards, 2; W. Cartwright, 60 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 10 seconds. Second heat: G. A. Griffiths, 80 yards, 1; A. J. Lyon, 100 yards, 2; C. A. Thearle, 110 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 10 seconds. Third heat: A. H. Short, 140 yards, 1; A. Biden, 120 yards, 2; T. W. Cowling, 160 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 9 seconds. Fourth heat: N. Craig, 130 yards, 1; A. H. Maidment, 120 yards, 2; W. Kain, 150 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 9 seconds. Fifth heat: G. Morris, 90 yards, 1; R. S. Lawrence, 80 yards, 2; O. H. Harding, 110 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 9 4-5 seconds. Final heat: Craig, 1; Thearle, 2; Maidment, 3. Time, 2 minutes 9 2-5 seconds.

Piping.—Pibroch (adults, in costume), three prizes, £1, £3, and £1 10s.—T. M. Mackay, 1; H. H. Fraser (Vic.), 2; William Sinclair, 3.

100 Yards Amateur Handicap (under N.S.W. A.A.A. rules). Three prizes, trophies, £4, £2, and £1. First in heats to start in final.—First heat: G. A. Widmer (West Sydney A.A.C.), 7 yards, 1. Time, 10 2-5 seconds. Second heat: Quailey (West Sydney A.A.C.), 12½ yards, 1. Time, 10 2-5 seconds. Third heat: S. R. Buchanan (West Sydney A.A.C.), 8 yards, 1. Time, 10 seconds. Fourth heat: W. A. Ogaard (South Sydney A.A.C.), 8 yards, 1. Time, 10 seconds. Fifth heat: Ben Jonas (West Sydney A.A.C.), 1. Time, 10 1-5 seconds. Sixth heat: P. J. Higgins (North Sydney A.A.C.), 1. Time, 10 seconds. Final heat: P. J. Higgins, 1; J. Quailey, 2; Ben Jonas, 3. Time, 9 2-10 seconds.

Two Miles Bicycle Race (handicap). For amateur members N.S.W. Cyclists' Union. About seven times round. Three prizes, open orders £5, £3, and £1. Heat winners £1 each. First four to start in final heat.—First heat: D. Ellis, 90 yards, 1; W. A. Cartwright, 130 yards, 2; G. Green, 80 yards, 3; A. J. Lyon, 160 yards, 4. Time, 4 minutes 44 2-5 seconds. Second heat: N. Craig, 230 yards, 1; A. H. Maidment, 240 yards, 2; G. A. Griffiths, 160 yards, 3; F. Matterson, 220 yards, 4. Time, 4 minutes 38 2-5 seconds. Third heat: R. Taylor, 240 yards, 1; J. Naismith, 280 yards, 2; G. Matterson, 220 yards, 3; A. Biden, 240 yards, 4. Time, 4 minutes 30 seconds. Fourth heat: C. A. Thearle, 220 yards, 1; W. Kain, 280 yards, 2; P. J. Goatley, 220 yards, 3; A. H. Short, 300 yards, 4. Final heat: Cartwright, 1; Lyon, 2; Ellis, 3. Time, 4 minutes 48 4-5 seconds.

Piping.—Marches (adults in costume), three prizes, £3, £2, and £1: T. Mackay, 1; H. H. Fraser (Vic.), 2; D. M'Corkindale, 3. Piping, strathspeys (adults in costume), three prizes, £3, £2, and £1, or trophies presented by Messrs. H. Moreau and Co.: T. Mackay, 1; H. H. Fraser (Vic.), 2; D. M'Corkindale, 3.

220 Yards Amateur Handicap (under N.S.W.A.A.A. rules); three prizes, trophies value £4, £2, and £1; first three in heats to start in final.—First heat: W. G. Louttit (West Sydney A.A.C.), 25 yards, 1; G. A. Widmer (West Sydney A.A.C.), 15 yards, 2; R. F. Hurst (South Sydney A.A.C.), 23 yards, 3. Time, 21 4-5 seconds. Second heat: Ben Jonas (West Sydney A.A.C.), 22 yards, 1; W. A. Ogaard (South Sydney A.A.C.), 17½ yards, 2; T. G. H. M'Creedie (West Sydney A.A.C.), 15 yards, 3. Time 21 3-5 seconds. Third heat: P. J. Higgins (North Sydney A.A.C.), 23 yards, 1; A. J. Thompson (South Sydney A.A.C.), 22 yards, 2; S. R. Buchanan (West Sydney A.A.C.), 17½ yards, 3. Time, 21 3-5 seconds. Final heat: Higgins, 1; Jonas, 2; Widmer, 3.

Three Laps Novelty Race, prizes open orders, £3, £2, and £1.—S. Goddard, 1; P. J. Goatley, 2; A. Biden, 3.

440 Yards Obstacle Race, three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—A. J. Barter (West Sydney A.A.C.), 1; G. H. Dent (East Sydney A.A.C.), 2; J. Fyfe (East Sydney A.A.C.), 3.

Pole Vaulting.—Walter Gough, 10ft. 3in., 1; H. Goodwin, 10ft. 2in., 2; H. P. Peterson, 9ft. 6in., 3.

Manual and Firing Exercise. First prize, £5; second, £3.—Royal Marines (Garden Island), 97 points, 1; Royal Marines (H.M.S. Katoomba), 96 points, 2; Royal Australian Artillery, 95 points, 3.

Field Gun Wheel Competition. Prizes, £1, 15s, and 10s.—A. T. Carter (H.M.S. Katoomba), 1; J. Kirk (H.M.S. Katoomba), 2; A. Dagger (N.A.V.), 3.

Water Bucket Race.—A. Brennan.

100 Yards Amateur Championship of New South Wales. Two prizes, gold and silver medals.—G. A. Moir (Victoria), 1; T. E. D. Phelan, 2. Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Running Long Jump, all comers.—J. Marsh, 18ft. 9in., 1; Longbottom, 18ft. 0½in., 2; Davis, 17ft. 5in., 3.

Half-mile Bicycle Race Handicap, for amateurs, under the rules of the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union. Three prizes, £4, £2, and £1.—First heat: C. A. Thearle, 50 yards, 1; A. R. Shilling, 70 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 4 2-5 seconds. Second heat: W. Cartwright, 50 yards, 1; V. G. Lawrence, 60 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute. Third heat: G. Morris, 40 yards, 1; S. B. Gibbs, 40 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 3 seconds. Fourth heat: W. Potter, 70 yards, 1; A. H. Maidment, 60 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 1 1-5 second. Fifth heat: J. Park, 60 yards, 1; G. A. Griffith, 40 yards, 2. Time, 59 4-5 seconds. Sixth heat: A. H. Short, 60 yards, 1; W. Baskerville, 60 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 1 3-5 seconds. Final heat: Park, 1; Shilling, 2; Baskerville, 3. Time, 60 3-5 seconds.

Walking Greasy Pole. Three prizes, £2, £1, and 10s.—Davis, 1; Johnston, 2; Longbottom, 3.

Physical Drill Competition. Prizes, £8 8s and £4 2s 6d.—Royal Marines, H.M.S. Katoomba, 95 points, 1; Royal Marines, Garden Island, 89 points, 2.

Reels (Piping), prizes £3, £2, and £1.—H. H. Fraser (Vic.), 1; T. M. Mackay, 2; D. M'Corkindale, 3.

Bayonet v. Sword (dismounted), prizes £3, £2, and £1.—Petty-officer Hendy, N.B., 1; Sergeant-major Milling (New South Wales Lancers), 2; Trooper Burns (New South Wales Lancers), 3.

Sack Race, all comers.—J. Crimson, 1; Les. C. Chiene, 2.

One Mile Amateur Walking Handicap, prizes £4, £2, and £1.—O. J. Wilkinson, 20 seconds, 1; R. G. Keenan, 7 seconds, 2; J. Penny, scratch, 3.

Obstacle Race, prizes £3, £2, and £1.—J. Lindsay, 1; M'Donald, 2; E. A. Pratt, 3.

Mop Competition, prizes £2, £1, and 10s.—Barnes and Bushby, 1; Carter and Kirk, 2; Hendy and Kennedy, 3.

Marches (Piping), for pipers under 21 who have never won a prize.—J. Barrie, 1; D. Melvin, 2.

Cutting off the Boer's Head.—C. Gandry, 1; J. Dillon, 2.

Flat Race, 1 mile, all comers, prizes £7, £3, and £2.—H. Roberts, 10 yards, 1; F. A. Mills, 65 yards, 2; G. Chiene, 100 yards, 3. No time was taken.

Tug-of-War, open to teams of 10 men, all comers, prizes £8 8s and £4 2s 6d.—Five teams competed and the representatives of the western suburbs won.

Ten Miles Amateur Championship of New South Wales, prizes medals value £7 7s.—J. Rattray, 1; W. Turnbull, 2; D. Ellis, 3. Time, 25 minutes 34 3-5 seconds.

One Mile Amateur Handicap, prizes trophies value £4, £2, and £1.—G. H. Dent, 85 yards, 1; H. Abbott, 100 yards, 2; R. J. Goodsir, 120 yards, 3. Time, 4 minutes 12 2-5 seconds.

THE NEW YEAR'S NIGHT CONCERT.

The concert committee of the Highland Society of New South Wales (Messrs. W. Marshall, R. Doyle, J. Coffill, and G. Grimm) showed laudable enterprise in securing a star artist for their New Year's Night entertainment at the Town Hall. The visits of such great singers as Antonia Dolores to Australia are necessarily few and far between; that they are appreciated and that the policy of the society in the respect indicated was a wise one was conclusively proved by the immense attendance last evening. Not only were there dense throngs of people standing in every portion of the Town Hall, but literally hundreds were unable to gain admission. Mdlle. Dolores, who had a great reception, sang "Comin' Thro' the Rye," with "Charley is my Darling" as encore; Malcolm Lawson's "Bonnie Wee Rose" and "My Heart is Sair for Somebody," with a simple, dainty, and characteristic setting by Alfred Nesbitt, of Melbourne, of Burns's verse "Bonnie Wee Thing" as encore; and "Within a Mile of Edinboro' Toun," with "Home, Sweet Home," as the extra number. Throughout the star soprano employed her beautiful voice without the least attempt at vocal display, singing with the unaffected sweetness and significance of expression for which she is noted in these old ballads. Mdlle. Dolores charmingly suggests the changing situations in these old songs, and her look of pained astonishment after the words "Kissed sweet Jenny making hay" delighted the audience.

The concert was moreover in other respects one of the best the Highland Society has given. The Scottish Choir, which now numbers nearly 150 voices, sang admirably Bishop's exultant music, "Hail to the Chief," with the staccato repetition of the phrase "Roderigh," followed by a quiet, harmonious close. Mr. George Grimm, who conducted for the first time, also assisted the choir to success in other part songs, and the refrain to "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomon" was freshly and daintily rendered. In this ballad Miss Kate Hancock proved in excellent voice in the solo, which was encored. The Feldwick Quartette sang with plaintive tenderness "The Flowers of the Forest," the melody of which affords a difficult theme for unaccompanied part singing. The encore, which was well deserved, was Kucken's "Oh, Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast." The prize-winners in the fancy dancing, who footed it right merrily on the platform to the music of the pipes, were also encored. Indeed, as so often happens at these great gatherings, repetitions were so readily granted that they ceased to be a compliment. Mr. Alec Edward had to repeat his spirited declamation of the patriotic song "Battle of Stirling." Mr. R. Montgomery's sweet light tenor voice pleased the audience in MacGregor's Gathering," to which he added "Once Again in Dear Old Scotland." Miss Cathie Duff, after "The Auld Scotch Sangs," was vociferously recalled to add "Jock o' Hazeldean," and Mr. George Grimm rendered the humorous "The Kail Yard." The instrumentalists were Mr. E. Stevenson, who played well Hauser's "Scotch Rhapsody," and Mr. J. Edward Sykes, who, besides supplying an opening fantasia, also supported the choir at the organ, and proved, as ever, a helpful accompanist at the piano. The vast audience included the Hon. H. N. MacLaurin, M.D., M.L.C. (patron), Professor Anderson Stuart, M.D. (president), Dr. MacCormick and other vice-presidents, Sir William Lyne, the Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan (Minister for Works), and other public men.

THE PARKS AND GARDENS.

On a holiday, when train or tram travelling is rendered more or less uncomfortable on account of the crush of excursionists, many people prefer to seek pleasure nearer home. Consequently such resorts as the Botanic Gardens and the Domain had numerous visitors, the Outer Domain being mostly devoted to cricket. Moore Park was similarly occupied. "Young Australia" at the wickets being very much in evidence. Prince Alfred Park appeared to be a favourite place for children, who were romping in every direction. The Hyde Park seats were all occupied, and the grassy plots that have escaped the recent "bush fires" had their numerous groups of loungers, or of merry children.

THE ZOO.

A large number of holiday-seekers spent the day at the Zoological Gardens, where there were numerous attractions provided. Those present, as usual, included a large number of youngsters, who found delight in witnessing the antics of the monkeys. The elephant caused considerable amusement to both old and young. The regular time for feeding the animals, 4 p.m., drew a great crowd to witness the ceremony. Just now there are on view four baby lions (each two months old). These, like large kittens, are very playful, and they formed probably the chief attraction in the gardens.

CENTENNIAL PARK.

The Centennial Park, with its spacious area, shady trees, and duck ponds, has for some time past been a favourite spot for those who prefer to spend a quiet holiday. Yesterday the park was visited by a large crowd, many merely driving through, to witness the beauties therein, whilst cyclists enjoyed a spin around the track. There were many family gatherings. In the evening also the park was visited by many who had spent the day in other ways.

HARBOUR EXCURSIONS.

People who spent the holiday out of doors at the various harbour and seaside resorts could not have wished for more favourable weather conditions. The harbour excursions were therefore extremely popular, and notwithstanding that over 50,000 people were afloat on pleasure steamers alone no accident was reported as having marred the holiday. Circular Quay was the scene of great bustle. To Manly alone fully 20,000 passengers were conveyed by the Port Jackson Ferry Company's steamers during the day. The evening trips were also well patronised. Over 4000 people visited Watson's Bay, many travelling by tram via Rose Bay, and making the round journey back by boat.

The Clifton Gardens were as usual a popular resort, and at night a further contingent went there, dancing being held up to 10 p.m. Two steamers plied to Clontarf, Middle Harbour, where the pleasure grounds were well patronised, and the dancing held in the pavilion also attracted large numbers in the evening. Other favourite spots on Middle Harbour were also visited by crowds of people. Two of Nelson's steamers made frequent trips to Bantry Bay, and the Salvation Army picnic at Pearl Bay was attended by about 2000 people.

COOGEE AND THE AQUARIUM.

Coogee yesterday maintained its position as one of Sydney's most popular seaside resorts on holidays. Thousands of people were to be seen along the shady reserves on each side of the bay, and on the white sandy beach the youngsters in particular enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. The weather, although hot, was tempered by the sea breeze, and the day was an ideal one for picnickers. The ladies' and gentlemen's ocean baths were largely patronised, there being a good tide. At Little Coogee, Thompson's Bay, Maroubra, and the minor inlets picnic parties were scattered in profusion. The Coogee Aquarium was visited by many hundreds of people, and Mr. Hobson, the proprietor, did everything in his power to enable his patrons to spend a pleasant day. Dancing was the principal amusement, and was carried on until late in the evening. Between the dances a number of variety artists contributed songs and other items, which were well received. Towards nightfall there was the usual rush for trams, and for a time the special service was altogether inadequate, hundreds being left behind at the departure of each heavily freighted and overcrowded tram. The back of the traffic was, however, broken by 7 p.m.

BONDI.

New Year's Day was spent by many at Bondi, which is a favourite spot on holidays. The various shady nooks were sought out. Some people passed the day on the beach, the children paddling in the surf. Fishing was indulged in by others from the rocks, whilst numbers patronised the local baths.

At the Aquarium a full holiday programme was again prepared by Mr. A. Wightman, resident manager. This included, in addition to the regular attractions, dancing in the main hall. The patronage extended to this place of amusement was encouraging. The outside attractions included the merry-go-round, swing boats, camera obscura, &c. These were mostly patronised by the youngsters. The catering was carried out in the basement.

BRONTE.

Notwithstanding the fact that Bronte possesses no direct tramline the beauties of the spot are such as to attract good gatherings upon public holidays. Yesterday was no exception to the rule. Family gatherings and other picnic parties of a private nature were to be seen taking full advantage of the enjoyment to be had. Bathing and amusements of various kinds were indulged in throughout the day. Many remained till after dark and enjoyed the cool of the evening, and returned home later after spending what proved to be a happy New Year's Day.

ROSE BAY.

An improved tram service was run to Rose Bay yesterday, and carried thither a large number of passengers who were on pleasure bent. The shade derived from the numerous trees was greatly enjoyed by the older ones, whilst the youngsters in dulged in various forms of amusements. Upon the return journey the numerous trams were crowded.

THE HOLIDAY IN THE MARINE SUBURBS.

Early yesterday at Balmain large numbers of holiday-seekers were moving about with well-filled hampers and other necessary adjuncts for pleasure away from home, and all seemed engrossed upon the one object—that of enjoyment. The early trams were well loaded with picnickers. As the day progressed large numbers of families could be seen moving off in the direction of the water, amongst the principal places of resort being Drummoyne Park, Leichhardt Park, Rodd Island, and Parramatta River. At these places also numerous visitors attended from Leichhardt, Dummoyne, Five Dock, and Gladesville. Here and there, where opportunity offered in the shape of a flat piece of land, various games, including cricket, jolly miller, &c., were indulged in by the children, and the amusements were here and there joined in by the parents and friends. Another source of amusement was found in fishing, and in the Parramatta River, some good hauls of flathead and red bream were taken, but the sport was to a large extent abandoned as the afternoon progressed on account of the wind that sprang up. Throughout the day a good ferry service was maintained to the different pleasure resorts in the Iron and Long Coves by the Drummoyne, Leichhardt, and Balmain West Ferry Company.

COOK PARK, LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH.

There was a very large attendance of picnickers at Cook Park, Lady Robinson's Beach, yesterday. Trams were run at frequent intervals from Rockdale, and besides a large number journeyed to the spot in 'buses and drags. The beach proved a source of great attraction, and during the day hundreds of children could be seen enjoying a paddle in the water. The baths were also well patronised, and numbers of the picnickers organised fishing excursions.

PARKESVALE, GEORGE'S RIVER.

These favourite grounds were well attended. The two steamers were running all day. Dancing and outdoor games were freely indulged in.

KURNELL.

A large number of people visited Kurnell, at the southern entrance to Botany Bay. A steamer conveyed passengers from the Sydney side across the wide bay to the old landing-place of Captain Cook, where a new wharf facilitates landing. The holiday resort was delightfully breezy and tempting. Ramblers along the ocean rocks found sport for rod and line amongst the groper, bream, kelp-fish, wirrah, and eels that abound there. Picnic parties found grassy spots in plenty, and spent a happy time exploring inland from the bay.

PARRAMATTA RIVER EXCURSIONS.

Judging by the numbers of excursionists that travelled by the Sydney Ferries' steamers to the various pleasure resorts on the Parramatta River yesterday, it would not be too much to assert that for attractiveness and pleasure the grounds along the river banks still maintain their claim for popularity. Amongst the chief places visited by the pleasure-seekers of the city and suburbs were Correy's Gardens, Fern Bay, Abbotsford, Mortlake, Chiswick, Blandville, Tennyson, Ryde, Gladesville, and Hunter's Hill, and the old historic town of Parramatta. A splendid ferry service was maintained throughout the day by the Sydney Ferries Company's fleet of steamers, which carried nearly their full complement each trip. Upon inquiry at the office of the company at the foot of King-street last night it was ascertained that the number of persons who availed themselves of the facilities afforded for a day's outing was in excess of the number on the same day in previous years. Besides the large numbers that embarked at the King-street wharf excursionists were picked up from Longnose Point, Balmain, Cockatoo, and Drummoyne wharfs.

CORREY'S GARDENS.

The pretty surroundings of Cabarita have greatly enhanced its favour as a pleasure resort, and the numerous additional attractions to these gardens during the past 12 months have made it an excellent holiday-making ground for families. Yesterday the attendance was very large, fully 1000 persons being present. Here and there in the locality family picnicking parties were to be seen enjoying a quiet respite away from the bustle of the city. The large pavilion was occupied all day in dancing, while the numerous swings, merry-go-rounds, razzle-dazzles, &c., were fully occupied by the juvenile element. A half-hourly ferry service was maintained to the ground by the Parramatta River steamers. A large number of visitors went to the grounds by the tram from the Burwood station, the trips being made at short intervals.

FERN BAY.

Lane's picturesque pleasure grounds at Fern Bay were yesterday the scene of a merry throng, fully 800 people being present. A trip to these well-known gardens is always a delightful experience. A good ferry service was maintained throughout the day by the fleet of the Sydney Ferries Company. Large numbers of family picnics were scattered all over the vicinity. Despite the warmth of the early part of the day dancing was carried on in the pavilion under efficient management, while on the grounds all kinds of amusements were provided for the juveniles.

OCEAN EXCURSIONS.

A breeze from the north-east, which was to the lover of the ocean a breath from the place where health is obtained, met the excursionists yesterday who left Sydney by the Namoi for a trip to the Hawkesbury. The harbour part of the journey alone was delightful, and the ocean swell was not met with until the rugged cliffs of the Old Man's Hat and North Head loomed large to port. Thence past the fishing rocks of North Head, Tumbledown, and Blue Fish, the experienced amongst the excursionists recognised prominent landmarks as the stanch vessel plunged northward. Manly, with its college on the hillside, overlooking Fairy Bower, was recognised by those who appreciated the ocean tossing, while the Namoi steered further out from land to clear Long Reef. The beaches of Dee-why, Collaroy, and Narrabeen showed up distantly to the westward, and then the welcome headland of Barranjoey came in view. This curious outlier of the coast, crowned with its lighthouse, looking like a tiny fort, was passed closely, and the broad, shallow Broken Bay entered. To starboard travellers who had made the trip before pointed out Cape Three Points and the scene of the wreck of the Maitland before Lion Island hid them from view. The island, settled down in the water like a giant lion couchant, was passed close to starboard, and the little beach which obscures the entrance to Patonga Creek, one of the beautiful camping grounds of the bay, showed on the northern shore. Flint and Steel Point to port, Croppy Head to starboard, and the bay narrowing slightly to the Hawkesbury estuary, engrossed the attention of even those who had suffered from mal-de-mer during the ocean trip. A few miles further and Cowan Creek, the objective of the voyage, was reached on the southern shore, and the vessel steamed slowly along its deep and placid bosom, giving the excursionists ample time to study the configuration of this famous arm of Broken Bay. Dozens of small boats and houseboats, with their freight of sportsmen with rod and line, were seen about Jerusalem Bay, Coal and Candle Creek, and other arms of the curious inlet. A few hours' stay in Cowan enabled a few sportsmen to wet a line from the steamer, and then the homeward journey was begun. Aided by the favouring breeze, the return was quick, and port was reached a little after dark.

IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS.

The holiday was responsible for a large influx of visitors to North Sydney and the other northern suburbs. The day was such as to tempt almost all out, and if one might judge from the crowded condition of the trams and trains it would appear that an unusually large number of people were abroad. The boats of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, were heavily patronised from an early hour in the morning, and with but little diminution during the day. The Mosman boats carried unusually large numbers of pleasure seekers to the heights of Mosman and to Balmoral Beach, which latter place appears to increase in public popularity. The fine sandy stretch was covered by adults and juveniles, who found amusement in the cool waters of the bay and the fringe of timber bordering the reserve afforded a pleasant shelter from the rays of the sun. Games of all sorts were indulged in, and swimmers were catered for at the municipal baths and Mr. Lyon's new baths at the Spit. The trains from Milson's Point to Hornsby were crowded, and the many picturesque suburbs between the point and Hornsby attracted many admirers. The upper portions of the Middle Harbour and Lane Cove River were alive with boating parties, and the highways of the northern district were full of vehicles of all descriptions.

IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS.

The railway suburbs from Petersham to Homebush were considerably depopulated yesterday when the beautiful weather which ushered in the new year tempted most folk out of doors. Many journeyed to the hundred holiday resorts of the sea-side, while others made an early start for the clear air and pretty views of the mountain sides. Those who visited the southern shore of the Parramatta River accompanied by children found easy access to the river by the Abbotsford tram and the tram from Burwood to Mortlake. Abbotsford and Mortlake giving access to other favourite places on the river were densely crowded by folk in holiday attire. At Canterbury some pretty nooks along the course of Cook's River were in demand, while those preferring a longer drive went south and westward to George's River and Salt Pan Creek, where boats were found. The long, pleasant day kept great numbers out till long after sunset, so that the homeward stream of holiday makers was continuous and less uncomfortable than usual in the trains.

AT THE THEATRES, &c.

New Year's Day proved a great occasion for theatre-going, so that all the matinees were well attended. At the Theatre Royal and Palace the distinguishing feature was the presence of crowds of children, and the general public also rushed in to the matinees at the Lyceum, Tivoli, and Empire Theatres. In the evening Mme. De Vere Sapio's fine singing in "Lucia di Lammermoor" helped to draw many holiday-makers to Her Majesty's Theatre. To-night "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci" will be given. "Alice in Wonderland" again filled the Theatre Royal at night, "Hans the Boatman" drew a packed house at the Palace, people were being turned away from "For the Sake of a Woman" at the Criterion, the "house full" notices were up early for "Greed of Gold" at the Lyceum, the new programme drew a holiday crowd to the Tivoli, and "Robinson Crusoe" easily filled the Empire Theatre. Large audiences attended at the Biograph and other attractions offered at the Queen's Hall by Montgomery's Entertainers.

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY TRAFFIC.

The traffic on all the suburban railway lines yesterday was very heavy, but notwithstanding the fact that over 76,000 passengers were carried during the day the trains were despatched well to time, and up to a late hour last night no accidents had been reported. On the Northern, Southern, and Western lines there were so many passengers that it was found necessary to send the mail trains away in two divisions. The following is a statement of the bookings at Sydney and suburban stations:—Main suburban line, 34,859 passengers; Illawarra, 28,626; Northern, 8906; Western, 2847; Southern, 1525. Total, 76,763.

In the early morning the traffic on the tramways was light, but gradually increased, and at 11 a.m. was very heavy. The passengers to the Highland Gathering at the cricket ground, the racecourse, Coogee, Long Bay, Rose Bay, Bondi, and Abbotsford were very numerous. An efficient service, however, had been provided on those lines, and the accommodation was sufficient. The loading to and from the principal places on the city lines was:—Racecourse, 140 cars; Coogee, 106; Bondi, 44; Long Bay, 35; Botany, 30; Abbotsford, 30.

On the North Sydney lines the traffic was very heavy, especially to Balmoral Beach and the Spit. It is estimated that the traffic was equal to that of Boxing Day, when 40,000 passengers were carried. The city and suburban lines on Boxing Day carried 440,000 passengers, and it is thought that yesterday the traffic was equally heavy. The number of persons conveyed to the racecourse was estimated at 23,000. An improved electric service was provided between the railway station and the racecourse and cricket ground, and worked satisfactorily.

IN THE COUNTRY.

ILLAWARRA CYCLING CLUB.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

A large number of visitors arrived by trains to-day. The usual pleasure resorts were largely patronised. The Illawarra Cycling Club held their first sports at the Centennial Grounds. There was a very large attendance, including Mr. G. W. Fuller, M.P., and Mr. Arch. Campbell, M.L.A. A good number of metropolitan riders took part. Megson was entered for several events, and was expected up to the last moment, but failed to put in an appearance. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. M. Byron; laptakers, Messrs. G. Robson and T. Rixon; secretary, Mr. P. T. Tresnan; starter, Mr. W. Beach; pony race starter and handicapper horse-racing, Mr. F. Bevan. The results were as follow:—

Amateur Handicap, 1 mile.—First heat: W. Head, 80 yards, 1; C. Wakeford, 35 yards, 2. Second heat: C. Strelein, scratch, 1; C. Carter, 100 yards, 2. Third heat: H. Cunningham, scratch, 1; R. Ford, 90 yards, 2. Final: C. Strelein, 1; C. Wakeford, 2; W. Head, 3.

Illawarra District Championship, 1 mile.—First heat: C. Evans, 1; J. Blow, 2. Second heat: F. A. Taylor, 1; E. H. Best, 2. Final: F. A. Taylor, 1; C. Evans, 2. A splendid finish. The winner was decorated with the blue ribbon by Mrs. G. W. Fuller.

Flying Handicap, quarter mile.—First heat: F. Morshead, 65 yards, 1; B. Gahan, 40 yards, 2. Second heat: A. Rixon, 55 yards, 1; E. Best, 45 yards, 2. Third heat: G. Evans, 35 yards, 1; A. O'Brien, 25 yards, 2. Fourth heat: H. Tipper, 65 yards, 1; W. Hayes, 35 yards, 2. Fifth heat: R. Cook, 35 yards, 1; E. Harris, 40 yards, 2. Final: E. Best, 1; A. Rixon, 2; H. Tipper, 3. A very close finish, less than a wheel separating the first three.

Novice Handicap, ½ mile.—First heat: Collings, 10 yards, 1; H. Williams, 25 yards, 2. Second heat: F. Herring, 25 yards, 1; T. Brown, 25 yards, 2. Final: Collings, 1; T. Brown, 2.

All-comers' Handicap, 1½ mile; first prize £12, second £2, third £1.—First heat: S. Orr, 110 yards, 1; G. Evans, 160 yards, 2. Second heat: A. Peek, 160 yards, 1; E. Cook, 175 yards, 2. Third heat: F. A. Taylor, 90 yards, 1; S. M'Lean, 160 yards, 2. Fourth heat: F. Simon, 150 yards, 1; F. Morshead, 310 yards, 2. Fifth heat: E. Best, 190 yards, 1; E. Harris, 220 yards, 2. Final: F. Simon, 1; E. Cook, 2; S. M'Lean, 3. This was a splendid race, the finish being very close.

Sutton Cup, 1 mile.—C. Strelein, 1; C. Wakeford, 2.

Pony Race.—J. Tratts's Black Bess, 1; T. Quirk's Boney, 2. Won by half a length.

Hack Race.—L. Davis's Grey Dawn, 1; J. Townsend's Lady Banus, 2.

Handicap Footrace.—C. Best, 5 yards, 1; H. Hart, 9 yards, 2.

Bicycle Obstacle Race.—S. Orr, 1; H. L. Orr, 2.

Cycle Handicap, boys under 16.—F. Strelein, 1; W. Douglas, 2.

MOREE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The annual gathering of the Moree Caledonian Society was held to-day on the show ground and was a great success. The attendance was exceedingly large. A splendid programme of piping, athletic, and cycling sports was carried out. The weather was oppressive. The League of Wheelmen 1¼ mile contest was declared no race, and three riders were recommended for disqualification for 12 months. The visiting pipers included H. and A. Stott, Miss Stott, Miss Carruthers (from Newcastle), J. M'Millan (Inverell), and J. Mustard. The following were the results:—

Opening Handicap Foot Race, 100 yards.—First heat: S. Shaw, 1; J. Cummings, 2. Second heat: Athol Jurd, 1; F. Baldwin, 2. Final: A. Jurd, 1.

Caledonian Handicap Footrace, 130 yards. A. Moore, 1; A. Jurd, 2.

Opening Amateur Bicycle Handicap, 1 mile.—Walter Campbell, scratch, 1.

Opening Bicycle Handicap, ½-mile.—F. H. Simpson, 1; Halliday, 2. Time, 1 minute 10 seconds.

Amateur Bicycle Handicap, 1½ mile.—A. H. Campbell, scratch, 1; Thompson, 15 yards, 2.

League of Wheelmen's Bicycle Handicap, 1½ mile.—Declared no race.

Best-dressed Highland Lassie.—Miss Carruthers.

Best-dressed Highlander.—J. Mustard.

Best-dressed Laddie.—H. Stott.

Best Piper under 18.—H. Stott.

Highland Fling, adults.—J. M'Millan, 1; J. Mustard, 2; R. T. Walker (local piper), 3.

Lassie's Highland Fling.—Miss Carruthers (local amateur).

Juvenile Highland Fling.—Susan Kay.

Pibroche.—A. Stott.

Gillie Callum, adults.—R. T. Walker.

Gillie Callum, girls.—Miss Carruthers.

Marches, Strathspeys, and Reels.—A. Stott, Shean Trew, J. M'Millan.

Reel o' Tulloch.—Annie Stott.

CALEDONIAN SPORTS AT GRAFTON.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

About 3500 people attended the Caledonian Sports to-day at Elizabeth Island. Steamers ran from all parts of the district. During the forenoon the heat was terrific, a hot north-wester raising the shade temperature to 110 degrees. At noon a cool southerly sprang up, making an agreeable change. Principal results were:—

Pedestrian Handicap.—J. Lovett, of Wardell, 17 yards, 1; J. Smith, 17 yards, 2; W. Henkinson, 11 yards, 3.

Brian's Handicap.—G. Williams, of Coraki, 10 yards, 1; "Berrico," 11 yards, 2; A. Singleton, 9½ yards, 3.

New Year's Gift.—K. Connors, 12 yards, 1; F. Ball, 9 yards, 2; J. Miller, 11 yards, 3.

In piping events D. Mathieson won marches and pibroch. J. M'Kay was second in each. The latter won strathspeys and reels. D. Matheson, jun., won prizes for strathspeys and reels and marches for pipers under 21.

The dancing contests resulted as follows:—

Highland Fling, for lassies under 20.—Bessie Williams.

Highland Fling, lassies under 14.—Merlie Southion.

Highland Fling, lassies under 8.—Josephine Weatherstone.

Highland Fling, laddies.—Hamlet Hann.

Highland Fling, adults.—D. Mathieson.

Gillie Callum, laddies.—H. Hann.

Gillie Callum, lassies.—Bessie Williams.

Gillie Callum, adults.—D. Mathieson.

Lean Triubheas, laddies.—H. Hann.

Lean Triubheas, lassies.—Winnie Hann.

Irish Jig, under 21.—Bessie Williams.

Irish Jig, adults.—M. Ryan.

Sailor's Hornpipe, lassies.—Flora Burns.

Best Highland Costume.—Essie M'Fadden.

Wood-chopping Contest.—J. J. M'Kay.

Military Events.—Scottish Rifles, from Maclean, No. 1 team, won the bayonet exercise, while the left half won the manual and firing exercise. Private M'Kay won Bayonet v. Bayonet.

The national games resulted as follows:—

Throwing 16lb. Hammer.—B. Morris, 81ft. 4in.

Putting 21lb. Shot.—J. O'Keeffe, 34ft. 6in.

Throwing 12lb. Hammer (youths).—J. Hinchey, 108ft.

Putting 14lb. Shot.—J. O'Keeffe, 40ft. 6in.

Tossing the Caber.—J. Donnelly, 33ft. 2in.

Tossing the Caber, youths.—D. M'Kenzie, 29ft.

Tug of War.—Perseverance team defeated M'Namara's team.

Clinker Four-oared Race, between crews North and South Grafton Rowing Clubs, was won by the latter by a quarter of a length.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

The Caledonian Society held their fifth Highland Gathering on the showground. About 30 pipers and their band marched through the streets to the sports ground, where a large Scottish programme of athletic sports, bagpipe competitions, dancing, and other contests was successfully carried out. The attendance was about 3800. The weather was very hot, windy, and dusty, or else the attendance would have been much larger. A banquet was held on the ground. Mr. R. Richardson, president, was in the chair. "Scotland" was proposed by Dr. Johnstone in a most appropriate speech. "Kindred Societies" was responded to by Mr. M'Creedie, from Glen Innes, and Mr. Wilson, Mayor of Armidale, on behalf of the Irish National Association. The Scotch concert is now being held in the Town Hall. Altogether the demonstration was a great success.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

Beautiful weather prevailed for the holiday, which passed over quietly. There were large numbers of visitors in town, and the tourist resorts were well patronised. Cricket matches formed the only pastime, members of the association team playing a scratch match, while the Surveyors' Camp met Jamieson Hill. The Association Band played on the Glebe ground during the afternoon.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

Cobbitty New Year's Day sports, bazaar, and tea passed off successfully. Bellingham won the most important footrace.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The only public holiday attraction to-day was an excursion to Gunning, arranged by the Star of the South Lodge of Oddfellows. The train which conveyed the excursionists was largely patronised.

GUNNING, Wednesday.

The second annual picnic, organised by the Goulburn Star of the South Lodge of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, was held to-day in warm bright weather, and was largely attended, the lodges throughout the district being represented. A programme of sports was carried out. In the Oddfellows' race for a gold medal A. M'Dougall was first and O. Purselhouse second, and in the all-comers' race C. Bowen was first and E. Lanham second.

JUNEE, Wednesday.

There was nothing of a public nature in Junee to-day, but picnic races were held at Old Junee, and were attended by 400 persons. It was a very successful meeting.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

The weather to-day was all that could be desired for holiday purposes, and the favourable conditions were taken advantage of by hundreds of visitors from Sydney and elsewhere, who thronged the special trains.

The centre of attraction for both visitors and townspeople was the annual carnival of the Kiama Swimming Club, which was held at Blowhole Point baths, where there was a great concourse of spectators.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

To-day's holiday was very generally observed, except in such industries as the smelting works, where the furnaces could not be put out. The weather was fine, clear, and hot. A fair number left for Bathurst by the early morning excursion, and others went to the mountains or various picnicking resorts in the district. The chief events of the day were races at Wallerawang, and a demonstration and sports by the Lithgow United Friendly Societies. The latter marched through the town in procession at half-past 10, and thence to the A. H. and P. Society's ground, where a programme of sports was held. To-night there will be the customary torchlight procession, followed by a social in the Oddfellows' Hall.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

To-day was observed as a close holiday, all the places of business being closed. The weather was perfect, with a cool breeze. The town is quite forsaken. Hundreds found their way to the Fitzroy and Belmore Falls and Macquarie Pass. The new year was ushered in quietly, the noisy element being absent. A midnight service was held at St. John's.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

To-day was warm but calm until 5 o'clock, when a southerly set in.

At the invitation of Mr. J. C. White, a large number of the residents proceeded to Edinglassie to take part in a hare battue arranged for the purpose of giving them a day's shooting. The fowlers had good sport, and as usual were hospitably entertained by Mr. White.

During the afternoon a bush fire, which had the appearance of being an extensive one, was raging some miles south of Muswellbrook.

PATERSON, Wednesday.

Sports were held at Gresford and East Gresford to-day. It was intensely hot.

ST. MARY'S, Wednesday.

The weather for the holiday was pleasant. The town was almost deserted, many attending the athletic sports in Penrith, and others picnicking on the Nepean River.

SUTHERLAND, Wednesday.

The new year was heralded by bonfires, fireworks, and bellringing. A midnight service was held at the Church of England.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

The fourteenth annual gathering of the Border Caledonian Society to-day in the showground was a great success. The Strathspey Scottish Band, from Brisbane, arrived last night and paraded the town to the ball, at which there were over 60 couples, the receipts being over £20. Pipers and visitors attended from Lismore and Queensland. About 1200 people were present at the sports to-day, where everything passed off most successfully. Mr. Lee, leader of the Opposition, attended and gave a speech at the luncheon, which was presided over by Mr. L. A. M'Dougall, vice-president, in the absence of the president, who was ill. A concert takes place to-night.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

There are no sports going on, and the town is quiet for New Year's Day.

YASS, Wednesday.

New Year's Eve passed off very quietly in town. The Yass Town Band played many selections during the evening, and Marlow's Dramatic Company will open a season in the Mechanics' Institute to-night. The town is dull to-day owing to the many citizens having left on fishing parties. The new year was ushered in in the usual way. Church bells were rung, and hearty interchanges of greetings were given among the many who moved about the streets. Watchnight services were held in St. Clement's Church of England, a large congregation being present.

YAMBA, Wednesday.

Yamba is at present full of visitors. A combined schools' picnic was held on Monday last at Smoky Point, three miles along the coast. A pleasant day was spent. 170 prizes were distributed to the children.

IN THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

To-day's holiday passed over very successfully, and notwithstanding the fact that many tens of thousands of holiday-makers were carried by steamers, railways, and tramways, not a single accident has been recorded. The principal event of the day was the annual regatta, which attracted about 30,000 spectators. The New Year's Day meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club was attended by 2500 patrons, and an interesting day's sport was witnessed. The Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company despatched the popular steamer Newcastle on an ocean and river excursion to Cowan Bay, and a large number of excursionists was carried. The Victoria Theatre was crowded to-night, when Dan Barry's Dramatic Company produced the exciting drama, "When St. Paul's Strikes Twelve."

THE HOLIDAY IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Early spring, rather than midsummer weather, prevailed for the New Year holiday. Plenty of amusements were provided, and the great pleasure-seeking public divided itself into various camps. By far the largest section was absorbed in watching the second test match, the first day's play in which proved to be highly entertaining, if not sensational. The V.R.C. races at Flemington attracted a great number, while the matinee performances at the theatres were extensively patronised. There were thousands of people at the various bay resorts.

DISTURBANCE AT WOOLLOOMOOLOO.

THE LIGHTING OF BONFIRES.

TWO POLICEMEN INJURED.

Despite the vast crowds which thronged the city streets up till 12 o'clock on Tuesday night there was almost an entire absence of accidents. At the various hospitals a few minor cases were treated; but it was not until past midnight that the first patients of any moment were received at Sydney Hospital. These were Constables Castles and Ross-Jones, who had received rough treatment at the hands of a number of young fellows in Dowling-street, Woolloomooloo.

The constables reported that the trouble arose out of the lighting of a bonfire intended to celebrate the passing of the old year. These fires blazed vigorously at many points of the city and suburbs as 12 o'clock struck, and as they often assumed large dimensions, they, being dangerous to surrounding property, proved a cause of much annoyance to the various fire stations. Several calls were received by the firemen, who, after turning out in hot haste, reached the scene of the call only to find a great bonfire surrounded by crowds comprised mostly of children.

One of these fires was in progress in the vicinity of Dowling-street, and was extinguished by a detachment of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Constable Ross-Jones was on duty near the scene soon afterwards, when he observed a youth attempting to rekindle the pile that had been burning. He at once remonstrated, and, meeting with opposition, he proceeded to place the young fellow under arrest. Several other youths were in the neighbourhood, and they at once went to the rescue of their companion. Constable Castles then arrived, and a general fight ensued. Road-metal was used freely, and both the police were considerably knocked about on the head and body.

Finding themselves powerless against the crowd, Ross-Jones and Castles then gave up the unequal contest, and soon afterwards the disturbance terminated. Subsequently the constables reached Sydney Hospital, where their injuries were dressed by Dr. Hart.

NORTH SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

Yesterday for the first time since the interruption to the service the mains from Chatswood to Hornsby were fully charged throughout the day and night. There was a generally expressed feeling of satisfaction that the famine of water experienced during the past two or three weeks had ended, and that there was but little fear of a recurrence of even an intermittent supply. During the past week the pumps have been steadily gaining on the storage capacity in each of the northern reservoirs so that the situation is once more free from anxiety. Yesterday the electric sprinkler was again in use upon the various tram routes of the northern suburbs, and an appreciable difference in the cleanliness of the main streets was noticeable.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

Mr. S. Chudleigh (organising secretary) supplies the following names omitted from the official list of successful candidates at the recent examinations conducted by Mr. Reginald Toms for the London College of Music:—Piano; Advanced senior, K. Hamilton; senior, Ellen Stokes; intermediate, L. A. Miller, Gladys Stone, J. R. Kent, Gladys Allen, M. Tylee; elementary, Molly Kirwin; primary, Iris Leigh, May Tinsley.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

On Christmas Eve the children of the Benevolent Society were given a special tea, including sweets, &c., and afterwards a large number of toys were provided, the children dipping in bran baths for the gifts so generously provided. The treat was due to the kindness of Mrs. E. L. Jones, of Bickley, Strathfield, assisted by Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Mesdames Binson, Jones, and Misses Alice Jones, Thompson, and Weeks.

GERMAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

On Christmas Eve a pleasant gathering took place at St. John's Hall, Ashfield. The hall was prettily decorated with ferns and pot plants; on each side of the platform were German flags, and in the centre a motto, "Frohliche Weihnacht" (A Merry Christmas). A large table, the length of the hall, was spread for tea for the children. There was a Christmas tree, surrounded with all kinds of toys and good things. The committee had made up numerous parcels of groceries and other gifts, given by various firms in the city. On leaving each family received a small gift in cash to tide them over the holidays.

LAW NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, January 3.

Before the Deputy Registrar, in No. 2 Court, at 10.30 a.m.

Commercial Publishing Company v. Ferrow.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE.
Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

The one reason why you don't drink Nicholl's Tasmanian Dandelion Ale is because you don't know it.—Advt.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.
DR. KING'S DANDELION and QUININE LIVER PILLS, the old-fashioned English remedy, without mercury, remove all Bilious and Stomach Disorders, and are still the best medicine.—Advt.

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA.

THE INAUGURAL SERVICES.

AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND PRAYER.

The union of the Methodist bodies of Australasia was celebrated with a solemn service of praise and prayer in the Centenary Hall last night, the first night of the first year of the union. The manner of the bringing about of the union and all that is practically involved in it was explained in yesterday's issue of the "Herald." The meeting last night was held because at the General Conference in March last the churches concerned decided that the evening of the first day which ushered in the consummation of union should be devoted to a special thanksgiving service and appeal for divine blessing and guidance. It was known at the time that the occasion fixed, being by tradition and common practice a people's holiday, was not naturally adapted for a successful prayerful gathering; but still the circumstances were so extraordinary that the conference felt there was no alternative, and that, indeed, many would be pleased at being permitted to make a considerable sacrifice of immediate pleasure-seeking in order to testify their gratitude for the great achievement of the Methodist churches. This latter assumption was, judging by the largeness of last night's congregation, more than justified, and the service was in every way successful. The gathering was composed of about equal numbers of men and women, and many children were also present.

The Rev. George Lane, President of the General Conference and of the New South Wales Wesleyan Conference, presided, and amongst the clergy and laymen who took part were the Revs. W. Clarke, J. W. Holden (president of the Primitive Methodist connection), G. James, E. W. Briscombe (president of the United Methodist Free Churches), Matthew Reavley, and W. G. Taylor (superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission), and Messrs. William Robson, M.L.C., J. Blanksby, and Bartlett. The unique and historic event was marked by a bountifulness of admirably constructed prayer, and the general responses were frequent and evidently sincere. Hymns from the Centenary Hall Hymnary were sung, and lessons read from Psalms 122 and 133 and St. John xvii.

OFFERING THE HAND OF WELCOME.

The Rev. George Lane said that this was purely a devotional meeting, and that opportunities for delivering addresses on the subject would be given at a later date. Still he thought it would not be right to terminate the meeting without one act on his part as, perhaps, the elder man, and representing the larger church in the union. He wished, in the name of the ministers and people of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, to tender to the president, ministers, and people of the Primitive Methodist Church his most cordial and brotherly welcome into the United Methodist Church of New South Wales and Australasia. His heart went out with his hand in this brotherly welcome to the Rev. E. W. Briscombe, of the United Methodist Free Churches. He hoped that the union which had been consummated that day would be a union of hearts, of minds, of hands, and of lives in the great work of consolidating and extending the Methodist form of Christianity in this State. He hoped that the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost would be vouchsafed to them in the united Church. God was there, the Spirit was there, the Saviour, the head of the Church, was there. That was indeed a historic and unique occasion—one that they would never forget—one whose influence, he was sure, would be deeply graven on their minds and hearts while they lived. His concluding words were: "The God of our Father be our God and the God of our children."

A TESTIMONY OF FELLOWSHIP.

The Rev. J. W. Holden said that was no occasion for speechmaking. He must, however, express his personal gratitude to the President of the Wesleyan Conference and of the General Conference for the hearty hand-grip he had given that night. There was more in it than the mere touch of fingers; there was the very spirit of the president in it. He would say further that his Church reciprocated most heartily the kind expressions of welcome that had been given to it that night.

The Rev. E. W. Briscombe asked to be allowed also to acknowledge the most gracious action on the part of the president that night. Every member of the little connexion in New South Wales would feel honoured at the Christian courtesy and graceful action of the President of the General Session. In their watchnight services the previous day earnest prayer went from their sincere hearts to God that His choicest blessing might rest on that union, and that the United Methodist Church might mean an additional opportunity of spreading the Kingdom of Jesus, with God to help them.

METHODIST UNION AT BALMAIN.

To commemorate the organic union of the Methodist denominations on the commencement of the new year, united Methodist services were held at Balmain on New Year's eve, under the auspices of the local Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist, and United Methodist Free churches. The commemoration started with an open air service at 10 o'clock at the corner of Darling and Jaques streets, near the Town Hall. A watchnight service followed in the Central Hall, at which a very large congregation attended. The Rev. W. F. Oakes (superintendent of the Central Wesleyan Mission) acted as leader, and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. H. Williams (Darling-street East Wesleyan Church) and the Rev. John Penman (Balmain Primitive Methodist Church). The Rev. Henry Jones (Balmain West and Drummoyne Wesleyan churches) read the Scripture lesson from the thirteenth chapter of the first of Corinthians, while at intervals prayer was offered by Messrs. T. Cater, W. J. Laws, Cleveland, Burrill, W. Druce, and the Rev. Henry Jones. The singing was carried out by a large combined choir, amongst the numbers rendered being "O for a Thousand Tongues," "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above," "Swift as an Eagle's Flight," "Come Ye that Love the Lord," "Another Year is Dawning," and "Come, Let Us Anew." The service closed with the Benediction.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Rev. A. R. Edgar, President of the Wesleyan Conference, has received telegrams from all parts of the State wishing God-speed to the new union, also telegrams from leaders of other Protestant communions, expressing the hope that a wider union of all Protestant churches was not far distant.

POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.

The annual conference of the Political Labour League is announced to be held on the 27th instant. Those connected with the gathering anticipate an attendance of upwards of 100 delegates, many of whom will be representatives of organisations which have recently been established. Already the business sheet contains something like 100 items, and the conference will probably extend over several days. Last year the league had before its consideration many matters relating to the Federal and the State elections, and, in consequence, the discussions had more than ordinary interest. Despite the absence of such matters at the present moment, however, the conference promises to deal with much business of importance to the labour section of the community.

Among the suggestions made by the affiliated societies, to receive full consideration, are motions to keep "bogus" labour candidates out of the pale of the league, the abolition of electors' rights in the case of residential electors, and the amendment of the Arbitration Act with a view to preventing counsel from appearing before the Court. It is also proposed that labour candidates should be nominated for the local town councils. The following additions are proposed to the fighting platform of the party:—

"That democratic local government be the principal plank in the fighting platform.

"Eight hours to be the legal maximum working day.

"State Bank.

"Free education; also election of Public school boards by the people.

"Government work to be executed in the State without the intervention of contractors.

"An Apprentice Act.

"The nationalisation of land; a progressive land tax."

The establishment of an Australian labour party will receive full consideration. It is suggested to sink the fiscal issue, and when amended the pledge of candidates will be as follows:—"I hereby pledge myself not to oppose any selected labour candidate. I also pledge myself if returned to the Commonwealth Parliament to do my utmost to ensure the carrying out of the principles embodied in the federal labour platform, and on such questions, and especially on questions affecting the fate of a Government, to vote as a majority of the federal labour party may decide at a duly-constituted caucus meeting composed of members who have signed this or a similar pledge."

Several resolutions dealing with federal politics are included in the business paper, two of which, relating to Imperial power, read:—

"That in the opinion of this conference the Imperial power of veto over Commonwealth legislation is not only subversive of all Australian liberty, but in practice constitutes a serious menace to the most vital Australian interests."

"That the Commonwealth Constitution Act should be so amended as to vest the people with power to override any such veto, either by referendum or by re-enacting the rejected measure."

Consideration will be given to the advisability of having the party represented on all public boards, commissions, and other administrative bodies, to the necessity of asking labour members in the Federal Parliament to oppose the sending of additional troops to South Africa, and to curtail the spirit of militarism; while attention will also be directed to the reform of technical education and State control of the liquor traffic.

TO TENDER-SKINNED MEN.—Shave with CUTICURA SOAP, and before cleansing the face gently rub a bit of CUTICURA OINTMENT over the shaven part. Wash all off with CUTICURA SOAP and hot water. This simple and inexpensive treatment will make shaving a pleasure, and prove a great comfort to those with tender, easily irritated skins, and as a preventive for humours of the hair glands which give rise to barber's itch, Jackson's itch, and many forms of eczema.—Advt.

The "Sydney Mail's" travelling photographer contributes to this week's "Mail" an interesting illustrated article: "The Gostwyck Shearing, Races, and Ball."—Advt.

NEWCASTLE ANNUAL REGATTA.

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

OVER 30,000 SPECTATORS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Flagship: Newcastle and Hunter River S. N. Company's S.S. Sydney (Captain Walker). Patron: Alderman W. J. Ellis (Mayor of Newcastle). President: Mr. Samuel S. Arnott. Committee: Messrs. W. Hickey, A. Holmes, J. C. Reid, H. Samuels, F. Herbert, M. Molinas, R. Hickey, W. Langford, A. F. Chapman, R. Shaw, J. Alcock, H. Brooks, J. Limeburner, E. Brown, M. C. Reid, Charles Callen, J. Byatt, George Cuthbertson, Charles Ellis, T. Dover, L. G. Hollinshead, R. Blackall, H. Newton, H. Webb, H. Smith, W. J. Ralston. Judge: Mr. J. C. Reid. Timekeeper: Mr. H. Samuels. Umpires: Rowing, Mr. R. Hickey; sailing, Captain J. Hocquard. Starters: Messrs. W. Langford, H. Webb, S. S. Arnott, and W. Hickey. Hon. treasurer: Mr. G. A. Campbell. Hon. secretary: Mr. A. C. Hollinshead. Assistant hon. secretary: Mr. C. H. Hollinshead.

The annual Newcastle regatta took place to-day under most favourable auspices, and proved one of the most successful ever held at Port Hunter. The weather was delightfully fine, but in the middle of the day the heat was oppressive. The steamship Sydney, of the N. and H. S. Company's fleet, was placed at the disposal of the regatta committee as the flagship, and was found to be admirably adapted for the purpose. Additional interest was lent to this year's regatta by the presence in port of H.M.S. Archer and H.M.S. Sparrow, which were despatched from Sydney at the request of the Mayor and the citizens to assist in making the regatta a success. The whole of the shipping in the harbour was gaily decorated in honour of the occasion, and a picturesque scene was presented. The attendance was perhaps the largest on record. The wharfs were densely lined for a distance of fully half a mile throughout the day, and various other points of vantage were taken possession of by interested spectators. The flagship was largely patronised, and numbers of steamers heavily laden with passengers took up favourable positions in the harbour. The spectators were scattered over a very large area, and although it is impossible to estimate the attendance with accuracy still there can be no doubt that the regatta was witnessed by a crowd approaching 30,000. Many thousands of visitors arrived from Maitland, Singleton, and other northern townships, and the residents of the entire Newcastle district assembled to witness the principal nautical event of the year. The Newcastle City Band, which holds the championship of the Commonwealth, was engaged by the committee, and under the baton of Bandmaster Barkell discoursed an interesting programme of musical selections on board the flagship.

The programme embraced 20 events, and substantial prizes were presented, the aggregate amount disbursed exceeding £220, the largest amount ever given away in connection with the Port Hunter regattas during 40 years. The entries totalled nearly 100, and all the events were keenly contested. Competitors from various parts of the State participated in the different events, Sydney being particularly well represented. A feature of the sculling events was the fact that the amateurs' race was won by J. Towns, and the professional race by Charles Towns, both brothers of George Towns, the champion sculler of the world. The finish in the all-comers' single sculls between Charles Towns, of Dempsey Island, and A. Worboys, of Wallsend, proved one of the most exciting ever witnessed here. Worboys conceded Towns 9 seconds start, and although when 300 yards from home he was 40 yards behind his opponent, by a brilliant spurt he gained on Towns with every stroke, and was only defeated by a couple of feet.

The metropolitan sailing clubs were represented by Mr. Mark Foy's Southern Cross and by the Donnelly, Doreen, and Mascotte, as well as by the 10-footer Pheasant. The committee of the regatta entertained a number of prominent visitors and citizens at an excellent luncheon on board the flagship. The Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman A. J. Ellis) occupied the chair, and the company numbered about 50. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Premier (Mr. John See), the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan), the Minister for Education (Mr. Perry), and the Hons. Alex. Brown and G. F. Earp, M.'sL.C. At the conclusion of the repast the loyal toasts were honoured, after which Mr. J. R. Hall proposed "Our Parliaments," and reminded those present that that day was the first anniversary of the birth of the Commonwealth.

Mr. David Watkins, M.P., in responding on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliament, said that although the federal tariff had not met with general approval, still he believed that in the form in which it would eventually pass through Parliament it would give satisfaction to the majority of electors.

Mr. W. T. Dick, M.L.A., acknowledged the toast on behalf of the State Parliament of New South Wales.

The Mayor submitted "Success to Newcastle Annual Regatta," which was responded to by Mr. Samuel S. Arnott, president of the regatta committee, who said that it was to be regretted that Mr. C. H. Hannell, who for over 40 years had organised the annual Newcastle regatta, had decided to retire from active participation in the aquatic sport.

Mr. John C. Reid gave "The Visitors," which was responded to by Commander Ralston, of H.M.S. Archer, and by Lieutenant-Commander Coats, of H.M.S. Sparrow. "Success to the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company," coupled with the names of Messrs. J. R. Hall and Thomas Brooks, (directors), and Mr. W. J. Ralston (local manager), was proposed by Mr. John O'Mara. The toast was acknowledged by Mr. Thomas Brooks. Other toasts were "The Press" and "The Chairman."

At the conclusion of the day Captain Walker, of the flagship Sydney, and Mr. W. J. Ralston, local manager of the company, were made the recipients of handsome presentations by the regatta committee in recognition of their valuable services. Appended are the details:—

Dingies, not exceeding 10ft., under canvas. Handicap. First prize, £7; second, £2; third, £1. Course: From a line between starter's boat and A.A. Company's shoots, past flagship, round No. 4 buoy, thence round boat off Sulphide Wharf, thence past flagboat on south-east end of Dyke to flagship (twice round). Flying start; all marks to be kept on port hand.—Britannia (W. E. Arnott), 1 minute, 1; Elma (W. Davies), 2 minutes, 2; Freada (G. Moncrieff), 3 minutes, 3. Other starters: Olga (W. J. Holmes), scratch; Planet (A. Holmes), scratch; Australia (S. Thoroughgood), scratch; Pheasant (T. Coneo), 1 minute. The race was a well-contested one, and created a good deal of interest. The Britannia finished 1 minute 10 seconds ahead of the Elma, which secured second place from Freada by 10 seconds.

Youths, under 18 years of age, rowing two pairs of sculls, with coxswain, in watermen's skiffs, or boats classed as such, to be approved of by the committee. First prize, £5; second, £2. Course: From below flagship round flagboat off A. A. Company's shoots; thence between red buoy and steamers' wharf, past flagship, round flagboat off Pilot Station, back to flagship; all marks to be kept on port hand.—Etna (C. Fury and R. Hughes; cox. Hughes), 1; Nellie (J. Ward and B. Gordon; cox, J. Ross), 2; Nautilus (J. Hughes and C. Croese; cox, Johnson), 3. Other starter: Mokoia (Theo. Towns and Norman Towns; cox, E. Towns). A close finish resulted for first place, the Etna winning by about 10 seconds.

Amateurs, Pair Sculls, best and best boats, handicap. First prize, 8 guineas; second, 2 guineas. Course: From No. 15 crane, past boat off south-east end of Dyke, thence past red buoy opposite steamers' wharf, finishing at flagship; all marks to be kept on the starboard hand.—J. Towns, scratch, 1; R. Shaw, 35 seconds, 2; H. de V. Newton, 15 seconds, 3. Other starters: R. Campbell, 22 seconds; T. G. Weston, 35 seconds. Shaw at once went away with a good lead and Newton fouled a steamer, which put him out of the race. Towns caught Shaw on the return, and a desperate finish resulted in a win for Towns by half a length. Newton was close by, third.

Watermen's Skiffs and Boats classed as such, under working sails, handicap; no tns; keel not more than 2in. deep; unlimited crews. First prize, £7; second, £2; third, £1. Boats in this event to provide own moorings.—Eva (G. Deamer), 1 minute, 1; Nellie (W. Treleven), 2 minutes, 2; Frame (T. Tressider), 1 minute, 3. Other starters: Bridena (R. Hickey, jun.), scratch; Home Rule (N. Ripley), 1 minute; Nautilus (R. M'Cracken), 1 minute; Young Jack (J. Ford), 1 minute; Vera (J. Ross), 2 minutes; Annie (G. Evans), 2½ minutes. Won comfortably.

All-comers' Single Sculls, best and best boats, handicap. First prize, £20; second, £4; third, £2. Course: Same as No. 3, but starting from No. 6 ballast jetty.—C. Towns, 9 seconds, 1; A. Worboys, scratch, 2; E. Fennell, 35 seconds, 3. Other starters: C. Messenger, scratch; T. Carter, 14 seconds; C. Croese, 25 seconds; J. Burgess, 30 seconds. A splendid start was effected by Mr. Arnott. The limit men did not gain much advantage from their start, as the water was rough and choppy. Towns got well away from the scratch men, Worboys and Messenger, and the limit men were all disposed of before half a mile was covered. Towns led Worboys by 40 yards, and was regarded as a certain winner, when a small vessel passed in front of him. He thus lost a couple of strokes, and his lead was reduced to 20 yards. Worboys made a brilliant spurt, and with every stroke gained on the leader. Towns won by a couple of feet, but another stroke would have reversed the verdict. Fennell, the Lake Macquarie sculler, finished 50 yards behind, third, and the remainder did not finish.

Men-of-War and Naval Brigade, five oars, with coxswain. First prize, £10; second, £3. Course: Same as No. 2. First in each heat to start in final.—First heat: Naval Brigade (Newcastle), 1; Naval Brigade (Sydney), 2. The local crew led from the start, and won easily. Second heat: H.M.S. Archer (Bluejackets), 1; H.M.S. Sparrow (Bluejackets), 2. Won by 15 seconds. Final: Newcastle Naval Brigade, 1; H.M.S. Archer, 2.

The Arnott Gift, for 18-footers, under canvas, handicap. First prize, £15; second, £4; third, £1. Course: Same as No. 1. Flying start.—Donnelly (G. Fletcher), scratch, 1; Mascotte (C. Dunn), 30 seconds, 2; Federal (F. Herbert), scratch, 3. Other starters: Stella II. (J. Jones), 1 minute; Doreen (J. Smith), 1½ minute; Ariel (A. Holmes), 2 minutes. The Ariel retired shortly after the start, and the Donnelly soon overhauled the remainder of the competitors. The Federal on the second time round held second place, with the Mascotte lying a good third. In rounding the flagboat the Mascotte displaced the Federal, but the Donnelly continued to increase her lead on both, and won easily with 40 seconds to spare. The Mascotte secured second prize by five seconds. A protest was lodged.

The Mayor's Gift. For members of water brigades. Rowing four pairs of sculls in butchers' boats, with coxswain. First prize, £20 (and £5 5s donated by the Mayor, Alderman W. J. Ellis); second, £3; third, £2. Course: Same as No. 5.—West Maitland Water Brigade, No. 1 crew (J. and F. and C. and H. Lethbridge, cox J. R. Taylor), 1; Grafton Water Brigade (M. Wicks, R. Brindle, W. Zietsch, L. Chaseling, cox), 2; West Maitland Water Brigade, No. 2 crew (D. Arnold, P. M'Lachlan, J. Webb, J. Goodman, cox W. Varley), 3. Other starter: East Maitland Water Brigade (W. Towns, A. Jury, John Mudd, E. Mudd, cox J. Paterson). The winners rowed a quick, dashing stroke, and completely paralysed their opponents. They led from start to finish, winning by fully half a dozen lengths, a similar distance separating second and third crews.

For all those who have not Won an Advertised Prize. Either singly or otherwise; winners of youths' races excepted. Rowing two pairs of sculls in watermen's skiffs, or boats classed as such, to be approved of by the committee. First prize, £7; second, £3. Course: Same as No. 2.—Hexham (W. Ripley, and E. Oliver, cox Jones), 1; Etna (R. Hughes and E. Hickey, cox Hughes), 2. Other starters: The Island (K. Jordan and J. Southwell, cox Croese); The Demon (G. Moncrieff, J. Linstrum, cox Thoroughgood); Mokoia (C. Linstrum and F. Linstrum, cox Devereux). The five boats kept close together throughout the race, and a close finish resulted in a win for the Hexham by a bare half length.

Merchants' Ships and Steamers' Boats and Boats from H.M.S. Sparrow and Archer, under canvas, to be sailed by crews. First prize, £5; second, £3. Course: Same as No. 1 (once round).—H.M.S. Archer, cutter (Lieutenant Stewart), 1; H.M.S. Archer, captain's galley (Commander Ralston), 2. Other starter: H.M.S. Sparrow's dingy (Lieutenant Anderson). Won easily.

Dingies, 16ft., under canvas, handicap. First prize, £12 12s and trophy valued at £3 3s; second, £3; third, £2. Course: Same as No. 1.—Elma (W. Davies), 2 minutes, 1; Australia (S. Thoroughgood), scratch, 2; Olga (W. J. Holmes), scratch, 3. Other starters: Planet (A. Holmes), scratch; Pheasant (T. Coneo) 1 min.; Britannia (W. E. Arnott), 1 min.; Freada (G. Moncrieff), working, 3 mins., leading, 2½ mins. On the second time round the Elma was leading from the Olga, with the Britannia third. A splendid finish was witnessed, the Elma winning by less than 10 seconds. Half a minute separated second and third.

Merchant Ships' and Steamers' Boats and Boats from H.M. Sparrow and Archer, rowed by their respective crews, four oars, with coxswain. First prize, £5; second, £2. Course: Same as No. 2.—First heat: Steamer Omba, 1; ship Corunna, 2; ship Benares, 3. Other starters: Steamer Corio, steamer Charterhouse. Second heat: H.M.S. Archer (stokers' crew), 1; H.M.S. Archer (bluejackets' crew), 2; H.M.S. Sparrow and steamer Knight of St. George dead heat, 3. Final: H.M.S. Archer (stokers' crew), 1; ship Corunna, 2; ship Benares, 3. After a splendid race the Omba's crew was the first to finish, but was disqualified on the ground that the ship's boat was not used in accordance with conditions.

Boats under canvas, not less than 14ft., handicap. First prize, £15; second, £4; third, £1. Course: Same as No. 1, three times round.—Federal, 18ft., 6 minutes (F. Herbert), 1; Southern Cross, 24ft., scratch (Mark Foy), 2; Mascotte, 18ft., 7 minutes (C. Dunn), 3. Other starters: Maude, 22ft.; Donnelly, 6 minutes (G. Holmes); Stella II., 6½ minutes (J. Jones); Conqueror, 20ft., 12 minutes (S. Thoroughgood). Shortly after the start three of the boats fouled. The Donnelly and the Federal first fouled, and the Stella in consequence had not sufficient room to clear, and she, too, fouled the Federal. The Donnelly was the first of the three to get clear of the foul, and a few moments later the Stella and Federal were again working well. The limit boat continued to lead, and was closely followed by the Mascotte, the Federal having overtaken the Donnelly. The Sydney crack boat Southern Cross, which started from scratch, was remarkably well handled, and gained rapidly on the other competitors. The wind, which was southerly at the start, then veered round to the south-east. The Mascotte was the first to round the top buoy on second time round, and was followed by Conqueror, Federal, Southern Cross, and Donnelly. Subsequently the Stella, Donnelly, and Conqueror, who occupied a hopeless position in the race, retired, leaving but four boats to finish. The wind again changed to the north-east. The Federal was the first to round the top buoy on the last time round, followed by Southern Cross and Mascotte. Excitement ran high, and the contest between the Sydney and the local boat for first prize was keenly watched. The Federal maintained her position, and won from the Southern Cross by 1 minute 25 seconds. The Mascotte finished third, two and a half minutes behind the Sydney boat. The win for the locally owned Federal was received with demonstrations of applause and cheering.

Race for all Bona-fide Miners and Members of Fire Brigades, rowing two pair sculls, in watermen's skiffs or boats classed as such to be approved by committee. First prize, £8; second, £2. Course: Same as No. 2.—Etna, F. Bell and J. Francis (cox., Smith), 1; Nautilus, E. Fennell and F. Dudley (cox., Brown), 2; No Name, F. Nicholson and W. Wallace (cox., Johnson), 3. Other starters: Demon, W. Tongue and J. Lawrence (cox., J. Tongue); Mokoia, S. Makin and G. Pearce (cox, W. Makin). Won easily.

All-comers, rowing four pair sculls, with coxswain, in butchers' boats. First prize £15; second, £4. Course: Same as No. 2, twice over.—Our Boys, R. Hughes, E. Hickey, R. Hickey, jun., J. Hickey (cox., Hughes), 1; Hexham, T. Jordan, J. Johnston, A. Campbell, J. Ford (cox., Jones), 2. Other starters: G. H.V. E. Brindle, W. Zietsch, L. Chaseling, M. Wicks (cox., J. Smith). Won easily.

Crews of H.M.S. Sparrow and Archer, rowing. Prize, £5. Course: Same as No. 2.—H.M.S. Archer, 1; H.M.S. Sparrow, 2.

Novelty Race, in coppering punts. For men-o'-warsmen, fancy costumes—H.M.S. Sparrow, 1; H.M.S. Archer, 2.

Tub Race. First prize, £1 1s, and 10s 6d for best costume. Course: Once round flagship.—R. M'Grath, 1.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Captain Marcus M. Osborne reports that the Rockton left Cairns on the 25th ultimo, called Townsville and Flattop, and arrived Brisbane 28th. Left at 2.25 p.m. the 30th, cleared north-west channel at 6.53 p.m., passed Smoky Cape at 3.8 p.m. the 31st, Seal Rocks at 10.28 p.m., entered Sydney Heads at 7.35 a.m. the 1st instant, and proceeded up harbour and berthed alongside Grafton Wharf. Experienced fine, hazy weather, with light to moderate northerly winds as far as Tacking Point, and from thence moderate southerly breeze.

The City of Grafton crossed the Richmond bar at 10.45 a.m. on the 31st ultimo, and arrived in Sydney at 2.30 p.m. on the 1st instant.

Captain A. Forbes reports that the Electra crossed the Manning bar at 1 p.m. on December 31, and arrived in port at 3.30 a.m., January 1.

THE E. AND A. LINE.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. report that the Australian, hence the 7th ultimo, arrived at Hongkong on the 31st.

The steamer Guthrie, which yesterday arrived from Newcastle, will be despatched on Saturday next for Japan, via the usual ports. She has booked well.

THE BRILLIANT.

This fine ship, consigned to Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co., in command of Captain Carlton, left Gravesend on September 20, and took departure from that point on October 1. Crossed the equator on October 25, passed the meridian of the Cape on November 24, passed the meridian of Cape Leuwin on December 17. Experienced westerly gales, with heavy weather, to south of Tasmania, which was rounded on December 25; thence light southerly and strong N.E. winds, with unsettled weather, to port. The ship anchored on the powder ground below Garden Island.

HARBOUR REMOVALS.

The ship Fairport, from Liverpool, has gone to Parbury's Wharf.

The ship Celestial Empire has taken a berth at Darling Island to load wheat for the United Kingdom.

The Dutch four-masted barque Jeannette Françoise is at an anchorage in the stream preparatory to sailing for Falmouth.

The steamer Redhill is now alongside Circular Quay.

The brigantine Rotuma leaves to-day for Port Stephens, to load hardwood for Lyttelton.

The ship Dalgonar has left Parbury's Wharf for the stream.

The American ship Jabez Howes will be towed from the back of Garden Island to Darling Island to-day.

The barquentine Kongsbyrd, bound for Lyttelton with hardwood, has moved from Blackwattle Bay to the head of Johnstone's Bay.

NEW GERMAN BATTLESHIP.

A new battleship, temporarily designated J, and sister to H, has been ordered from the firm of Schichau, at Dantzig, for the German Navy. The new ship will be of 13,000 tons, and will carry as her main armament four 11in. and 18 6·7in. guns. The 11in. weapon is the new pattern quick-firer designed by Krupp, but, unless its qualities are much understated in the technical press, it appears to be decidedly inferior in rapidity of fire to the larger British 12in. gun of latest pattern. Two rounds in 90 seconds show no advantage against the one round in 30 seconds or 40 seconds which is claimed for the latest Vickers 12in. pieces. Full details of the new German 6·7in. gun are yet to seek, but it will be far more powerful than our 6in. weapon.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

This being New Year's Day was kept as a holiday.

The British revenue for the third quarter of the fiscal year compares with the figures of the corresponding quarter of the previous year as follows:—

	1900.	1901.
Customs	£7,228,000	£9,242,000
Excise	11,548,000	11,513,000
Stamps	2,180,000	2,020,000

An increase of £1,819,000 is apparent in these particular items. For the nine months the revenue compares with that of the corresponding nine months of 1900 as follows:—

	1900.	1901.
Customs	£17,211,000	£21,208,000
Excise	24,310,000	26,128,000
Stamps	5,910,000	5,720,000
Other	32,047,000	37,336,000
	£79,478,000	£90,392,000

The British revenue shows a marvellous expansion, the increase for the nine months being no less than £10,914,000. The Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated an increase for the whole year, including new taxes, of £12,870,000, and it looks as if he will get it, even though the revenue suffers a loss from a modification of the coal duty, not allowed for in the estimate, of £800,000.

Our London cable message gives the closing price of the year for silver at 25⅝d per ounce standard. The average price throughout the past year was lower than in the previous year. From our cable messages we give the following as the highest and lowest prices of each month in comparison with those of 1900:—

	1900.		1901.	
	Highest. d.	Lowest. d.	Highest. d.	Lowest. d.
January	27 11-16	27	29⅛	28
February	27⅞	27 5-16	28 5-16	27⅝
March	27 11-16	27 7-16	28⅛	27⅞
April	27½	27 5-16	27¾	26 15-16
May	27¾	27½	27⅞	27¼
June	28 9-16	27 9-16	27 7-16	27 5-16
July	27 5-16	27⅞	28½	26 15-16
August	28 7-16	27 15-16	27	26 15-16
September	29¼	28 7-16	27	26 15-16
October	30 3-16	29⅜	28⅞	26½
November	29 15-16	29 7-16	26 7-16	25
December	29¾	29¼	25⅞	24 15-16
Yearly average	28⅛d.		27⅛d.	

The demand for the East, particularly towards the close of 1900, sent up the price above half a crown per ounce, which was obtained in October. Since then, however, the demand has fallen away, and the price receded below 25d. The range in the year in these weekly quotations was from 29⅜d to 24 15-16d, or 4 7-16d per oz.

The "Journal of the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales" for December, among its contents, quotes a letter from the American "Bankers' Magazine," giving more prominence than we have yet observed to an item accounting for the export of gold from the United States, though a large trade balance appeared in favour of that country. The more common reasons held to show that the United States must export a good deal more produce than she imports, are: The necessity to pay interest on her indebteness; to meet claims for freight to foreign (mostly British) shipowners; and for expenditure by her citizens when travelling in Europe and abroad. The writer declares that the largest item is the money sent away by immigrants being the savings from their earnings. He says:—"In the case of our trade with Canada, it is unquestionably the largest item. For the eleven months ending May 31, 1901, our favourable trade balance with that country was about 59,000,000dol, while our net imports of specie amounted to only 22,000,000dol. As we do not owe Canada any big sums for interest dues, freights, tourists' expenses, or returned securities, the only reasonable inference is that the bulk of this balance has gone to offset the drafts and money orders of the vast army of Canadian labourers who are in the United States. In the same way it is certain that a large part of our balances with Europe has gone to offset the savings of the thousands of English, Austrian, Italian, and other alien labourers who come here for the sole purpose of hoarding up a little fortune." Doubtless a good deal of the apparent trade balance in favour of the United States goes in the way described, but that it represents the largest item can only be a matter of opinion based on inconclusive data.

IMPORT MARKET.

Business was suspended in the Import market to-day.

On the subject of the dried fruits market the "Produce Markets Review," dated London, November 16, says:—"The market for all kinds of dried fruit is active, and the business must be considered satisfactory from the country buyers' point of view. As regards currants, there are signs of increasing animation in this article, at a time when the heavy trade is generally considered to be nearly over. The largest volume of business continues to be in Provincial and Patras fruit, which, owing to the exceptionally excellent character of this year's crop, is found to be good enough for nearly all requirements. As a consequence better qualities, being in less demand, are proportionately cheap; Vostizza and Panariti, in comparison with other growths, showing quite exceptional value. Prices in Greece are at present above the parity of London, owing to the extremely heavy sales to America and the Continent; which markets are now filling up the vacancies consequent on the high prices and poor quality of last year. The sellers are inclined to regard the general prospect as favourable to their interests, and are looking for improved values with considerable confidence."

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will offer to-morrow (Thursday) the whole of the manufactured salvage stock at the fire of Messrs. Dillon, Burrows, and Co., 261 Harris-street, on account of the fire adjuster.

Messrs. Cyrd Trower and Co. will offer on Tuesday next at Commerce-buildings, Ash-street, 370 packages of Ceylon and 454 of Indian teas ex recent arrivals under instructions from Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., and Morgan and Co.

EXPORT MARKET.

The exports of butter during the week ended December 28 totalled 92,344lb.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, at 79.

Bank of New South Wales, at 43.

Union Bank of Australia, 39½.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 3½.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, 101.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien stock, 84.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, at 101½.

Melbourne Habour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, at 103.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107½.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 103.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, at 66.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	Nov. 26, 1901.	Dec. 3, 1901.	Dec. 31, 1901.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	2,665,000	2,530,000	2,850,000
For Continent	1,540,000	1,440,000	980,000
Total	4,205,000	3,970,000	3,830,000

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted at 2s 1⅝d per ounce standard.

PRODUCE INWARD.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

The City of Grafton left yesterday with 16 hardwood logs, 80 boxes butter, 100 casks molasses, 1 pony.

The St. George left at 4 a.m. to-day for Sydney with 56 pine logs, 15 ironbark logs, 10 beech logs, 700ft. case material, 8000ft. sawn pine, 6 cases eggs, 4 pigs, 1 ice chest, 400 boxes butter.

The Macleay left at 4 a.m. to-day for Sydney with 77 pine logs and 10 cases bacon.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Nymboida crossed out at 2 p.m. with 200 bags maize, 20 bags iron, 16 bags bark, 500 bags potatoes, 100 cases eggs, 12 coops poultry, 50 hides, 40 pigs, 300 boxes butter, and sundries.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auction, Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

DALGETY and COMPANY, Ltd., hold Auction Sales daily at Redfern Railway Station. All farm produce. Full prices, with quick returns.—Advt.

S. B. BOND, 86 Sussex-street, Auctioneer and General Produce Salesman. Auction Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

R. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

SHEPPARD, HARVEY, and WALKER, 158 Sussex-street. Sales Hay, Straw, Chaff, Redfern, daily.—Advt.

"York Castle brand of mild-cured Bacon. Cured by English experts. Flavour delicious." Denham Bros.—Advt.

"KAMERUKA" CHEDDAR CHEESE, made by experts, acknowledged to be superior to all other brands. DENHAM BROS., Sole Agents, 350, 361 Sussex-st.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., live stock and produce auctioneers.—Sale of chaff, hay, &c., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

The Berrima District Farm and Dairy Coy., Ltd., 664 and 666 Harris-street, Sydney, for prime Creamery Butter. Robertson, Mittagong, and North Coast factories. "A" and "Crown" Bacon, Cheese, Eggs, &c.—Advt.

This week's "Sydney Mail" contains an excellent double-page set of illustrations on the December and Summer Meetings of the Australian Jockey Club.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON MINING MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mining quotations are:—
Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 2s 3d.
Mount Lyell, £4.
North Lyells, £1 12s 6d.

BROKEN HILL BLOCK TEN.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Block 10 plant treated during the past week 1464 tons crude ore, which yielded 269 tons concentrates, bulking 33oz. silver, 64 per cent. lead, 7¼ per cent. zinc. The shipments consisted of 558 tons concentrates to the order of the Australian Metal Company, leaving an approximate balance of this product of 889 tons on hand at the close of the week. The productive workings, both in the Kelly and the Campbell sections, as a whole are looking very satisfactory. The assays of material, broken and treated, for the week averaging from the bins 14½oz. silver, 15 per cent. lead, and 20 per cent. zinc. Progressive work remains confined to sinking the new main shaft, the present bottom measuring 206ft. below the surface.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Kaufman arrived at Kalgoorlie by to-day's train.

The Golden Ridge syndicate crushed during December 100 tons for 101oz.

GOLD YIELDS.

Golden Ridge has crushed 100 tons for 101oz.

NEWCASTLE ANNUAL STATISTICS.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

ALL-ROUND INCREASES.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The trade returns for the port of Newcastle for the year ended yesterday were compiled by the authorities at the Newcastle Custom-house yesterday afternoon, and are appended. A glance at the statistics will reveal the fact that all the industries of the district have been well maintained, and there has been an increase in trade in nearly all directions. The revenue collections exceed those of the previous year by over £18,000.

The quantity of coal exported to inter-state ports and oversea markets aggregated 3,104,735 tons, or an increase over the exports of the year 1900 of 82,823 tons. The inter-state trade has been largely developed, but there has been a slight falling off in the oversea demand.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

INCREASED EXPORT 82,823 TONS.

OVER THREE MILLION TONS EXPORTED.

The following return shows the quantity of coal exported to places beyond the State during the year just closed as compared with the trade of the preceding year:—

Whence Exported.	1900. Tons.	1901. Tons.
Inter-State and New Zealand—		
Victoria	760,937	804,181
Queensland	45,035	33,190
South Australia	506,570	476,548
Western Australia	160,956	215,286
Tasmania	94,618	87,275
New Zealand	205,315	242,176
Total Inter-State and N.Z.	1,773,431	1,858,656
British and foreign markets—		
Hongkong	14,750	6,050
United States	148,367	205,364
Java	137,954	83,219
New Caledonia	20,298	20,573
India	35,070	30,293
Philippine Islands	72,374	106,416
Fiji	12,961	18,311
Mauritius	1,740	9,980
Peru	61,031	47,912
Chili	454,207	415,167
Straits Settlements	46,090	90,257
Sandwich Islands	171,159	168,869
New Hebrides	1,000	2,250
Ecuador	1,105	3,887
Panama	17,234	7,384
Mexico	16,634	17,320
Celebes Islands	8,407	—
Great Britain	500	4,390
New Guinea	1,642	2,320
Cape Colony	7,286	8,170
China	2,044	1,600
Natal	8,921	25,199
Molucca Islands	3,065	—
Siam	800	—
Samoa	650	—
Dutch East Indies	2,932	—
Ceylon	—	3,200
Canada	—	6,500
Gilbert Islands	—	6,008
New Britain	—	2,559
Nicaragua	—	891
South Sea Islands	—	884
Society Islands	—	1,345
Germany	—	750
Total oversea markets	1,248,481	1,246,079
Grand total exports	3,021,912	3,104,735
Increase for year		82,823

GENERAL EXPORTS.

Subjoined is a return showing the principal items of export other than coal during the year 1901, as compared with the year 1900:—

Articles and Quantity.	1900.	1901.
Hay and chaff, tons	1,704	[illegible]
Flour, centals	5,200	3,840
Maize, bushels	500	15,100
Wheat, bushels	9,986	29,059
Cattle, No.	7,396	2,644
Horses, No.	3,306	1,473
Sheep, No.	27,491	2,943
Pigs, No.	2,205	577
Bonedust, tons	1,487	129
Other manures, tons	83	318
Beef, frozen, cwt.	49,066	34,072
Mutton, frozen, cwt.	69,975	56,240
Meats, preserved, lb.	34,998	73,726
Copper, ingots, cwt.	14,520	15,310
Silver-lead, cwt.	55,380	14,200
Coke, tons	15,806	10,480
Gold, concentrates, cwt.	1,420	4,225
Railway sleepers, No.	55,633	172,998
Tallow, cwt.	9,420	11,493
Timber, rough, sup. feet	1,375,076	1,437,655
Wool, greasy, bales	34,877	45,631
Wool, scoured, bales	3,219	7,587

REVENUE RETURN.

Appended is a statement of the revenue collections at the Newcastle Custom-house during the year just closed as compared with the preceding year:—

Source of Income.	1900.	1901.
Duty and Excise	£90,678 14 6	£109,771 0 3
Tonnage Rates	11,528 9 10	12,003 11 8
Harbour and Light Rates	11,598 6 4	9,074 1 4
Pilotage	11,264 1 9	11,743 6 4
Harbour Removal Dues	6,222 15 0	6,820 12 6
Miscellaneous	39 15 6	41 10 2
Total	£131,272 2 11	£149,454 2 3
Increase for year		£18,181 19 4

ROYAL MINT, SYDNEY BRANCH.

The following is an abstract of the transactions of the Royal Mint, Sydney branch, for the periods specified:—

Particulars.	Dec., 1901.	Since Jan. 1.
Weight of gold received for coinage—		
New South Wales	4,815·88oz.	200,625·87oz.
Queensland	43,260·47oz.	348,921·00oz.
New Zealand	—	91,925·15oz.
Victoria	—	191·86oz.
South Australia	—	2,269·63oz.
Tasmania	—	17,485·73oz.
Western Australia	42·70oz.	973·82oz.
Other countries	84·22oz.	7,226·17oz.
Coin	95·51oz.	65·05oz.
Total	48,239·78oz.	864,634·34oz.
Gross value of the above	£171,832 2 9	£3,045,266 2 10
Gold coin and gold bullion issued—		
Coin: Sovereigns	£295,000 0 0	£2,991,000 0 0
Coin: Half-sovereigns		
Bullion	252 9 9	18,867 19 3
Total	£295,252 9 9	£3,009,867 19 3
Silver bullion issued	2,511 4 5	£10,656 18 11
New silver coin issued	19,800 0 0	83,400 0 0
New bronze coin issued	1,500 0 0	5,600 0 0
Worn silver coin withdrawn from circulation	1,199 11 0	9,798 13 3

THE CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son report.—Milch cows: The yarding this week was a large one, and comprised a rather inferior lot of animals. Sales opened to a poor attendance of buyers, and biddings throughout were dull. Best made from £8 5s to £9 15s, good from £6 15s to £7 10s, medium from £5 to £6, inferior from £3 10s to £4 10s. We sold 63 at the above quotations, also 31 dry and fat cattle from £3 5s to £7 4s. Calves: We sold 101 (The Hunter), 11s 6d to 45s 6d; 20 (Camden), 10s to 36s; 34 (St. Marys), 15s to 38s 6d; 30 (Penrith), 10s to 30s; 15 (Liverpool), 15s 6d to 31s 6d; 12 (Campbelltown), 11s 6d to 28s; 27 (various owners), 10s 6d to 30s. Pigs: We sold 46 (Camden), 18s to 38s 6d; 20 (Picton), 10s to 50s; 41 (Dungog), 18s to 23s 6d; 15 (Douglas), 24s to 31s; 15 (Mulgoa), 20s 6d to 35s; 15 (Campbelltown), 21s 6d to 53s 6d; 17 (Thirlmere), 3s to 15s; 16 (Liverpool), 34s to 57s 6d; 9 (Newington Asylum), at 54s; 119 (suburban owners), 10s 6d to 48s 6d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. sold over 700 pigs to £2 17s 6d and 100 calves at market rates.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

THE SHERIFF.—At Harbour and Little Hay streets, at 12, Stock-in-Trade of Grocer, Furniture, &c.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At 261 Harris-street, at 11, Salvage Stock of Confectionery, &c.

BARNARD and CO.—At King-street, at 10, Stock-in-Trade of Tobacconist; at Crescent-street, Balmain, at 11, Furniture, &c.

H. LEVY.—At 136 Regent-street, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Crockery, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Furniture, Jewellery, Watches, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones; at 2, Sheepskins.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11.30, Cows.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

"LANOLINE" TOILET PREPARATIONS.—The Dartring Trade Mark appears on all labels of these genuine products. TOILET "LANOLINE" (in collapsible tubes) makes rough skins smooth. "LANOLINE" TOILET SOAP cleanses and keeps the skin supple. Of all chemists and dealers. Wholesale—67 Holborn Viaduct, London.—Advt.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. Facilities will, as usual, be afforded for reaching the course by omnibus and tram services.

Owing to the death of Mr. Ronald Gibson, of Inverlochy, the coming Tiranna picnic meeting may lose many supporters, as the Gibson family, besides owning the Tiranna property, on which the racecourse is situated, help largely to make the reunion a success, and their absence is almost sure to make a marked difference to this very pleasant social gathering. The meeting is fixed for the 9th and 10th instant, but it is believed in well-informed circles that a postponement will be considered out of respect to the Gibson family.

Our Tenterfield correspondent wires that Atom and Buttercup won the double at Deepwater yesterday.

The programme for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday, January 8, will be found in the advertising columns. Entries for the events enumerated therein close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, before 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The committee of the Australian Jockey Club held an investigation yesterday into the alleged inconsistent running of Cordon, who won the Club Handicap on the first day of Tattersall's annual race meeting at Randwick. After hearing evidence the committee decided to take no further action in the matter.

Weights are due this forenoon for the Canterbury Park January meeting.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day the Victorian Racing Club held its usual New Year's Day meeting. The fixture is somewhat of an "off" meeting, but the Standish and Bagot handicaps are always events of interest to racing people, and if there had not been the formidable counter attraction of the second test match to contend with the club would have had a much more successful day financially. From a sporting point of view the meeting went off exceedingly well. Chelsea's victory in the Steeplechase, under a heavy impost, and the close finish for the Bagot Handicap rousing spectators to a great pitch of excitement. For the first time on record the Governor of the State arrived at the course in a special train. His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Clarke, Miss Clarke, and suite, and remained until the conclusion of the fifth race. The vice-regal party saw Flemington under favourable climatic conditions, and appeared to enjoy their first experience of the national sport of the Commonwealth. The details are as follow:—

HURDLE RACE

Of 2 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added, second 40 sovs., third 20 sovs., 2 miles.

Mr. A. Taylor's ch g Colonel Shilinski, by Zalinski—Rosalie B, 10st 5lb (J. Sutherland) ... 1
Mr. J. J. Allen's b g Revella, 10st 10lb (J. J. Allan) ... 2
Mr. A. M'Cracken's br g Loch Fad, 12st (A. Allan) ... 3

Other starters: Estimator, 10st 2lb (A. Goss); Full Charge, 9st 10lb (J. R. Hoystead); Tutchewop, 9st 7lb (H. Graham); Victorian, 9st 7lb (T. Faunt); Sodawater, 9st (J. Cooney).

Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Victorian and Colonel Shilinski, 4 to 1 v. Estimator, 6 to 1 v. Loch Fad, 8 to 1 v. Revella, 10 to 1 v. others.

Sodawater piloted the field over the first hurdle and past the stand from Tutchewop, Estimator, and Full Charge, with Victorian last. Leaving the straight Tutchewop ran to the front and led along the river side from Sodawater, Revella, Estimator, Full Charge, Loch Fad, Colonel Shilinski, while Victorian, who was jumping badly, was still last. Passing the bridge, Tutchewop held a five lengths' lead from Sodawater, but at the back Revella moved up second, with Colonel Shilinski third. Revella joined Tutchewop at the abattoirs, and then going ahead led round the home turn from Loch Fad, Colonel Shilinski, and Tutchewop. Revella and Colonel Shilinski entered the straight together and fought out the finish, the latter winning by two and a half lengths, with Loch Fad a neck off third. Tutchewop, Victorian, Full Charge, and Estimator came next. Sodawater was last. Time, 3 minutes 49½ seconds.

STANDISH HANDICAP

Of 5 sovs. each, with 300 sovs. added, second 60 sovs., third 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.

Mr. W. Clarke's b c The Victory, by The Admiral—The Charmer 7st (E. Sutherland) ... 1
Colonel F. S. Campbell's br h Carinthia, 7st 12lb (W. Minter) ... 2
Mr. A. Taylor's b g Great Heart, 8st 13lb (B. Porter) ... 3

Other starters: Lyddite, 8st 12lb (A. Halstead); Fire Up, 8st 2lb (W. Bennett); Malton, 7st 12lb (W. Redfearn); La France, 7st 11lb (R. Lewis); Sweet Sound, 7st 9lb (W. Daniels); Myosotis, 7st 5lb (C. Cooper); Drawbridge, 7st 5lb (J. Riley); Tilbury, 7st 4lb (W. Ross); Bannerman, 7st 3lb (S. D. Fisher); Chesilbeach, 7st 1lb (G. Minter); Nikola, 6st 13lb (J. Berkeley); Prelusive, 6st 12lb, including 1lb over (H. Gable); Marconi, 6st 11lb (P. King); Silk Lace, 6st 10lb (R. Manning); Mylae, 8st 9lb.

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Carinthia, 5 to 1 v. Myosotis, 7 to 1 each v. Fire Up and Malton, 10 to 1 v. Bannerman, 12 to 1 each v. The Victory and Marconi, 15 to 20 to 1 v. others.

The Victory in the centre of the field appeared to be smartest off the mark, with Fire Up and Carinthia next. At the half-mile post Carinthia led from Lyddite, Fire Up, and The Victory, with Malton and Mylae nearest of the others. Carinthia retained the lead till below the half-distance, when The Victory coming with a fast run went ahead and won by half a length from Carinthia, with Great Heart half a length off third. Chesilbeach, Myosotis, Tilbury, Mylae, Malton, and Sweet Sound were next, with Lyddite and Silk Lace last. Time, 1 minute 15½ seconds.

JANUARY STEEPLECHASE

Of 2 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added, second 40 sovs., third 20 sovs., about 2½ miles.

Colonel F. S. Campbell's g g Chelsea, by Portsea, 12st 7lb (H. Underwood) ... 1
Mrs. A. Longden's g g Homer, 9st 6lb (J. Barbour) ... 2
Mr. S. M. Wilson's b g Bay Eagle, 10st 4lb (T. Curtin) ... 3

Other starters: Mutiny, 11st 11lb (T. Waller); Error, 11st 1lb (M. Mooney); John Brown, 9st 6lb (R. Jackson); Spieler, 9st 7lb, including 1lb over (W. Douglas); The Claimant, 9st 3lb, including 3lb over (J. Sutherland); Sealing Wax, 9st (T. Faunt).

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Mutiny, 7 to 2 v. Homer, 4 to 1 v. Error, 7 to 1 v. Bay Eagle, 10 to 1 v. Spieler, 12 to 1 v. Chelsea, 20 to 1 v. others.

The first fence brought Mutiny down and at the fourth fence John Brown toppled over. Sealing Wax, attended by Error, Claimant, and Homer, led in the early stage, with Spieler bringing up the rear. Sealing Wax showed the way over the first of the treble, followed by Homer, Bay Eagle, Chelsea, Error, and Claimant, with Spieler last. At the last of the treble Chelsea and Error were sharing the lead from Homer and Bay Eagle. The lastnamed ran to the front at the river side and cut out the running until passing the bridge, when Chelsea and Homer took up the running slightly in advance of Error, with Bay Eagle and Sealing Wax next. The fence at the abattoirs brought down Error, and Sealing Wax and Claimant refused to take the jump. This left Chelsea in charge, with Homer next, and Bay Eagle third, and they finished in this order, Chelsea winning easily by seven lengths, with Bay Eagle a bad third. None of the others finished. Time, 5 minutes 18¾ seconds. No injury resulted from the falls except that Mooney on Error got slight concussion.

BAGOT HANDICAP

Of 8 sovs. each, with 400 sovs. added, second 80 sovs., third 40 sovs., 1½ mile.

Mr. A. M'Cracken's br f Feud, by Pilgrim's Progress—Vendetta, 7st 2lb (R. Manning) ... 1
Mr. P. Whitty's br m Gazelle, 7st 7lb (P. King) ... 2
Mr. J. Wilson's br f Cretonne, 7st 13lb (W. Dunford) ... 3

Other starters: Gosport, 7st 4lb (W. Minter); The Union Jack, 7st 6lb (R. Lewis); Tit-for-Tat, 7st 3lb (A. Cooper); Fairyland, 7st 2lb (W. Ross); Atbara, 6st 13lb (W. Bennett).

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Gazelle, 5 to 1 each v. Cretonne and Feud, 6 to 1 v. The Union Jack, 7 to 1 v. Gosport, 12 to 1 each v. Atbara and Tit-for-Tat, 14 to 1 v. Fairyland and others.

When they got going Cretonne took charge and led past the judge's box, followed by Gazelle, The Union Jack, Atbara, Tit-for-Tat, and Gosport. Leaving the straight The Union Jack cut out the running, and at the river side held a five lengths' lead from Cretonne, with Gazelle two lengths further back, and then came Atbara, Feud, Tit-for-Tat, and Gosport, with Fairyland last. The Union Jack retained a lead of from two to three lengths until approaching the home turn, where Feud got on terms, the pair cutting out the running two lengths in front of Gosport, who was coming on well, with Atbara next and Fairyland acting as whipper-in. Gazelle entered the straight a good third to The Union Jack and Feud. At the distance Feud was leading slightly in front of Gazelle, with The Union Jack third and Cretonne and Gosport next. A fine finish ended in a win for Feud by half a head from Gazelle, with Cretonne a head off third. Gosport, Atbara, The Union Jack, and Tit-for-Tat came next and Fairyland was last. Time, 2 minutes 40¼ seconds.

CRITERION HANDICAP

Of 5 sovs. each, with 300 sovs. added, second 60 sovs., third 30 sovs., for two year olds, 5 furlongs.

Mr. W. S. Hickenbotham's ch f Independence, by Wallace—Else, 8st 12lb (J. H. Mills) ... 1
Mr. J. H. Davis's b c Captain Carrington, 7st (S. D. Fisher) ... 2
Mr. A. Miller's b f Fetter, 6st 12lb (E. Carter) ... 3

Other starters: Loyal, 8st 7lb (W. Minter); Camedienne, 8st 3lb (W. Daniels); Fan Tan, 7st 8lb (W. Dunford); Catchlock, 7st 5lb (R. Lewis); Oakwood, 7st 5lb (C. Power); Hard-a-lee, 7st 5lb (P. King); Robert Bruce, 7st 2lb (C. Cooper); Phyl, 7st 1lb (A. Ferguson); Devon Belle, 6st 11lb (R. Manning); The Vice-Admiral, 6st 10lb (E. Sutherland); Marka, 6st 7lb (J. Byrne).

Betting: 5 to 2 each v. Independence and Captain Carrington, 8 to 1 v. Phyl, 10 to 1 v. Oakwood, 12 to 1 each v. Catchlock, Devon Belle, and others.

Fetter, Hard-a-lee, and Captain Carrington were smartest off, but before the first furlong was covered Independence had dashed ahead, and making the pace fast won comfortably by three parts of a length from Captain Carrington, with Fetter a length off third. Catchlock, Robert Bruce, and Loya came next, and The Vice-Admiral was last. Time, 1 minute 4¼ seconds.

WELTER HANDICAP

Of 4 sovs. each, with 150 sovs. added, second 30 sovs., third 15 sovs., 1 mile.

Mr. J. H. Davis's ch g Palmerston, by Escutcheon—Beacon, 9st 6lb (T. O'Brien) ... 1
Mr. Bloomfield's Gosport, 10st 2lb (W. Minter) ... 2
Colonel Campbell's Bobby Burns, 9st 12lb (A. Smith) ... 3

Other starters: Privilege, 11st 2lb (T. Finley); Tasman, 10st 2lb (R. Gough); Benedict, 9st 7lb (W. Ross); The Punter, 9st 2lb (W. Redfearn); Attica, 8st (C. Cooper).

Betting: 7 to 4 v. Privilege, 5 to 1 v. Attica, 6 to 1 v. Benedict, 7 to 1 each v. Gosport and Tasman, 15 to 1 each v. Palmerston and Bobby Burns.

Attica and Benedict were first away, and Gosport was the last off the mark. Passing the abattoirs Privilege took charge from Attica, Benedict, Bobby Burns, and Punter, and retained the lead into the straight from Benedict, Punter, and Palmerston, who was coming fast, and Gosport. Palmerston got in front at the distance, and won by half a length from Gosport, with Bobby Burns two lengths off third. Privilege, Tasman, Punter, and Attica were next, and Benedict last. Time, 1 minute 45½ seconds.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The principal winners at the V.R.C. Meeting were—Mr. A. M'Cracken, £377; Mr. W. Clark, £325; Mr. W. S. Hickenbotham, £288; Colonel Campbell, £224; Mr. J. H. Davis, £205.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The New Year's Day meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club was held to-day. The weather was bright and fine, and the attendance large (estimated at 2500). The racing was excellent throughout, and the meeting, viewed from all points, was a decided success. The hero of the meeting was Marathon, who won a double—the Merewether Mile and the January Handicap. The results follow:—

New Year's Gift of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. T. Ford's br m Thea, Sir William—Magdala, 5 years, 8st (J. Dancey), 1; Mr. E. Simmons's ch c Dirk, 3 years, 7st (J. Booth), 2; Mr. J. Roarty's g g Carnival, 8st (A. Quinn), 3. Trinidad, 8st, also started. Betting: Even money on Carnival, 3 to 1 each v. Thea and Trinidad, 4 to 1 v. Dirk. Thea jumped off as soon as the barrier rose, and at once established a clear lead, increasing it as the race progressed. The favourite tried hard to reduce the gap in the straight, but Thea, running strongly, won by fully eight lengths. Dirk just defeated Carnival for second place. Time, 1 minute 16½ seconds. The owner of Thea was called upon for an explanation with regard to the mare's running at Wallsend and here, and the matter was referred to the N.J.C. A joint report will then be sent, on conclusion of evidence, to the A.J.C. This, it is understood, is the first case submitted under the new rules.

Merewether Mile of 50 sovs.—Mr. T. Mullins's ch g Marathon, Corinth—Montilla, 6 years, 8st 10lb (J. O'Brien), 1; Mr. J. Paterson's b g Rednefed, 4 years, 7st 10lb (F. M'Carthy), 2; Mr. W. Richmond's br m —, 4 years, 7st 7lb (W. Walker), 3. Other starters: Ostentation, 8st 10lb; Turquini, 10st 3lb. Betting: Evens on Marathon, 3 to 1 v. Rednefed, 4 to 1 v. Turquini and Brown and Blue, 6 to 1 v. Ostentation. Rednefed and the favourite jumped to the front at the start, followed by Turquini. The position altered little at the pits, with the exception that Turquini retired to last place. The leaders continued together well into the straight, where the favourite eventually won a fine race by half a length. Time, 1 minute 46½ seconds.

Park Stakes of 25 sovs., for horses that have not won a prize of 40 sovs. at time of starting, 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. Cook's b g St. Simon, by St. Blaise—Neta, 5 years, 9st 7lb (W. Walker), 1; Mr. S. Reynolds' br m Ranee, 4 years, 8st 9lb (E. Brown), 2; Mr. E. A. Mayo's ch g Clan Ronald, 5 years, 8st 9lb (F. Cush), 3. Other starters: Purity, 8st 10lb; Sea Bird, 8st 2lb; Tramway, 6st 7lb; Audience, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 each v. Sea Bird and St. Simon, 4 to 1 v. Purity, 6 to 10 to 1 v. others. Ranee was the first to get going from an excellent start. The field was bunched at the back of the course, with Ranee just in front. Ranee then increased her lead and turned into the straight two lengths to the good, followed by St. Simon, Clan Ronald, and Sea Bird. A great finish up the straight resulted in a length win for St. Simon. Ranee was about two lengths in front of Clan Ronald, the others spread-eagled. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds. Just before leaving the paddock A. M'Crinnon, who was to have ridden St. Simon, was kicked in the stomach by his mount. The sufferer was attended by the club's honorary doctor, Dr. A. M. Doyle. The injury is not considered serious.

Pace Welter of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. W. Richmond's b g Tarik, by Gibraltar—Vespasia, 5 years, 8st (W. Walter), 1; Mr. J. G. Cameron's ch g Peter, aged, 10st 2lb (W. Atkins), 2; Mrs. M. J. Burke's br f Ostentation, 4 years, 9st 3lb (W. Wright), 3. Other starters: Nicodemus, 10st 2lb; and Sir John, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Tarik, 2 to 1 v. Nicodemus, 5 to 2 v. Peter, 6 to 1 v. Ostentation, 10 to 1 v. Sir John. Nicodemus ran to the front early in the race, but was cut down by Tarik in the home run. Tarik won easily. Peter defeated Ostentation for second place by a length. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

January Handicap of 50 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 1¼ mile.—Mr. Thos. Mullins's ch g Marathon, by Corinth—Montilla, 6 years, 8st, with penalty (N. Godby), 1; Mr. J. Paterson's b g Rednefed, 4 years, 8st 9lb (E. Brown), 2; Mr. R. Hector's br g Flashlight, 6 years, 7st 2lb (D. M'Carthy), 3. Other starters: The Guardsman, 8st 5lb; Neptunus, 8st 5lb; Trinidad, 7st 7lb; Dudu, 7st; and Brown and Blue, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Neptunus, 5 to 2 v. Marathon, 3 to 1 v. Flashlight, 5 to 15 to 1 v. others. The start was effected before the grand stand, and all horses got off together. When settled in their strides the colours of Dudu, Neptunus, Rednefed, and Marathon were most prominent, Guardsman bringing up the rear. Neptunus then went to the front, and Marathon gradually overhauled the leader, and together they turned into the straight. The race was very doubtful in the home run, as most of the horses were in a bunch, with Marathon just at the head of affairs. Marathon, however, held his own, and won a great struggle by half a length, Rednefed being just ahead of Flashlight, who was finishing fast. Time, 2 minutes 12 seconds.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The concluding day of the Midsummer Meeting of the Q.T.C. was held to-day in fine weather. There was a large attendance. Results:—

Goodwood Handicap of 75 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. R. J. Blacklock's Turquoise, 8st 6lb (A. Scott), 1; Mr. W. J. Noud's Aladdin, 7st 9lb (R. Wockner), 2; Mr. J. Stone's Saracen, 7st 10lb (F. Mullens), 3. Other starters: Beauvoir, 8st; Petalite, 8st 4lb; Violet and Gold, 7st 2lb; Regent, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Turquoise, 4 to 1 each v. Petalite and Beauvoir, 10 to 1 each v. Aladdin and Saracen. Turquoise and Saracen were in front all the way to the distance, where Turquoise drew out and won easily. Time, 1 minute 15½ seconds. Dividend, £1 2s.

Heavy Weight Handicap of 75 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. R. Turnbull's Nitre, 9st 8lb (Steward), 1; Mr. A. Hyde's Capricorn, 8st (Mullens), 2; Mr. W. Burke's Miss Bernie, 8st 2lb (Lockman), 3. Other starters: Coolabah, 10st 10lb; Musician, 9st 5lb; Inisfail, 8st 11lb; Roza, 8st 5lb; Harmony, 8st 2lb; Monseigneur, 8st 2lb; Jesme, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Coolabah, 3 to 1 v. Nitre, 5 to 1 v. Monseigneur, 10 to 1 v. others. Inisfail cut out the running to the half distance, where Nitre drew away and won by a length and a half; a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 31 seconds. Dividend, £2 3s.

Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs., 1½ mile.—Mr. J. Buchanan's Lord Monmouth, by Invader—Miss Monmouth, 8st 8lb (Booth), 1; Mr. T. C. Naple's Little Tartar, by Tartar—Nanon, 8st 8lb (O'Neill), 2; Mr. K. Miller's Drake, by The Rake—Decoy, 8st 7lb (Dugdale), 3. Other starters: Boscobel, 9st 2lb; Brise des Nuits, 8st 2lb (including 10lb penalty); The Thorn, 8st 4lb; Alba, 8st 4lb; Belle, 8st 4lb; Petalite, 7st 11lb; Moya, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Brise des Nuits, 3 to 1 v. The Thorn, 4 to 1 v. Little Tartar, 10 to 1 each v. Lord Monmouth and Boscobel, 20 to 1 each v. others. Lord Monmouth rushed to the front when the barrier rose, and establishing a long lead had things all his own way until entering the straight, where he managed to stall off a determined challenge by Little Tartar and won by a length and a half; three lengths separated second and third. Time, 2 minutes 11¼ seconds. Dividend, £7 7s.

Novice Handicap of 75 sovs., 1 mile and a distance.—Mr. E. Webb's His Delight, 7st 13lb (Henkel), 1; Mr. R. Turnbull's Nitre, 9st 9lb, including 10lb penalty (Stewart), 2; Mr. E. J. Easton's Kinbombi, 8st 2lb (Hepplewhite), 3. Other starters: Palermo, 9st 4lb; Comrade, 7st 9lb; Gauntlet, 8st 2lb; Sceptre, 7st 11lb; Goldringer, 7st 8lb; Abbott, 7st 3lb; Miss Dido, 6st 7lb; Saturn, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Comrade, 4 to 1 v. His Delight, 7 to 1 v. Gauntlet, 10 to 1 v. others. Kinbombi made all the running until well into the straight. His Delight then shot to the front, and outpacing Nitre, won by a length. Time, 1 minute 59 seconds. Dividend, £3 4s.

Two-Year-Old Handicap, 75 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. F. Ramsay's Ruffle, 8st 7lb (Stewart), 1; Mr. A. Hyde's Ivan, 8st 5lb (Mullens), 2; Mr. J. Stone's Victoria, 6st 9lb (Blackwood), 3. No others started. Betting: 7 to 4 on Ivan, 6 to 4 v. Ruffle, 8 to 1 v. Victoria. Ruffle led all the way, and stalling off Ivan at the finish, won by half a length. Victoria was nowhere. Time, 1 minute 16½ seconds. Dividend, £1 8s.

Eagle Farm Handicap of 75 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. R. Blacklock's Blue Light, 7st 8lb (Scott), 1; Mr. W. Booth's Origin, 8st 11lb (Booth), 2; Mr. T. J. Hatfield's Treachery, 7st 12lb (Stewart), 3. Other starters: Little Tartar, 9st 9lb; The Thorn, 9st 2lb; Alba, 8st 3lb; Belle, 8st 3lb; Firmin, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Little Tartar, 4 to 1 each v. Origin and Blue Light, 5 to 1 v. Firmin, 8 to 1 v. Treachery, 10 to 1 each v. Thorn and Alba Belle. Blue Light led from the start to the finish and won easily. Time, 1 minute 43 seconds. Dividend, £2 6s.

ADELONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

ADELONG, Wednesday.

The Jockey Club's annual race meeting was commenced to-day. The weather was beautiful, and the attendance good. Results:—

Opening Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. F. Byes' Waitress, by Sunrise, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. Tweedie's Easy Molly, 7st 5lb, 2; Mr. Hawthorne's Last Love, 8st 5lb, 3. Eight started.

Trial Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Dr. H. W. Mason's Rydlemere, by Sunrise, 9st 2lb, 1; Mr. Arragon's Springdale, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. Cain's Duchess, 7st, 3. Nine started.

First Hurdle Race of 25 sovs., 2 miles.—Mr. J. Laffin's Slim Jim, 11st, 1; Mr. Madigan's Blue Blood, 10st, 2; Mr. Clowes' Milliner, 3. Five started.

New Year Handicap of 30 sovs., 1¼ mile.—Mr. Laffin's Rival, by Marvellous colt, 8st 2lb, 1; Mr. Byes' Waitress, 8st 7lb, 2; Mr. Roche's Jungy, 7st 5lb, 3. Seven started.

Hack Race of 5 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Dr. Mason's Nym, by Waterford—Nalepha, 8st 12lb, 1. Eight started.

Gadara Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. Tweedie's Easy Molly, by Grosvenor, 1. Six started.

CORAKI RACES.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

The annual races took place to-day, and were very largely attended, excursionists arriving from all parts of the river. The results were:—

Publicans' Purse.—Mr. Best's Persian, 1; Mr. Smith's Signal, 2.

Handicap Hack Race.—Honeycomb, 1.

Club Handicap.—Mr. Beth's Persian, 1; Signal, 2.

Highweight Handicap.—Rosebud, 1; Honeycomb, 2.

New Year Handicap.—Mr. Davis's Jessy Agnes, 1; Mr. Carlton's Koran, 2.

The racing was good, and no accidents occurred.

LONGFORD (TAS.) RACES.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

There was a record attendance at Longford races, the results being:—

Hurdle Race.—Jena, 1; Kingston, 2; Boraka, 3.

Trial Stakes.—Majree, 1; Inchman, 2; Mars, 3.

Longford Handicap.—The Sirdar, 1; Chesterfield, 2; Red Riding Hood, 3.

Flying Stakes.—Silver, 1; Egypt, 2; Tecora, 3.

Steeplechase.—Aranco, 1; Young Creswick, 2; Barrington, 3.

Two-year-old Handicap.—Oamaru, 1; Pharos, 2.

Autumn Lauraville Stakes.—Egypt, 1; Coomassie, 2; Swift, 3.

TOCUMWAL RACE CLUB.

TOCUMWAL, Wednesday.

The Tocumwal Race Club held its annual meeting to-day. Results:—

Border Handicap, of 15 sovs.—Mr. Marshall's br m Ruby, 1; Mr. W. Walsh's ch g Surplus, 2.

Maiden Plate, of 8 sovs.—Mr. C. Taylor's br m Hope, 1; Mr. J. Heaviside's Musician, 2.

Tocumwal Handicap, of 30 sovs.—Mr. A. M'Lean's br g Bruce, 1; Mr. F. Colgan's br g Dazzle, 2.

Handicap Trial Stakes, of 12 sovs.—Mr. M. O'Brien's g g Greysteel, 1; Mr. J. P. Maidment's g g Transvaal, 2.

President's Stakes, of 15 sovs.—Mr. F. Colgan's br g Dazzle, 1; Mr. E. G. Henderson's br m Miss Tell, 2.

Temptation Stakes, of 10 sovs.—Mr. J. Looney's ch m Repentance, 1; Mr. G. Beasley's ch g Touch-me-Not, 2.

Farewell Handicap, of 20 sovs.—Mr. R. Alexander's ch m Fancy Lock, 1; Mr. S. B. Bowker's Creeping Jane, 2.

HAY LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACE CLUB.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING.

HAY, Wednesday.

For the New Year's Day meeting of the Hay Licensed Victuallers' Race Club the weather was perfect, and the attendance was good. The racing was fair. The results were as follow:—

Trial Stakes of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. Jas. Lawson's Dawn, by Sunrise, 1; Mr. S. King's Coronation, 2; Mr. John Jones's Split Link, 3. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds.

Licensed Victuallers' Handicap of 20 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. H. E. Weston's Portland, by Fraud, 10st 12lb, 1; Mr. A. Ross's Frivolity, 10st, 2; Mr. A. C. Edwards's Kaffir Girl, 7st 10lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 48 seconds.

Time Handicap Trot of 10 sovs., 2 miles.—Mr. Jas. Donohoe's Jeff, 45 seconds behind, 1; Mr. P. J. Dillon's Abe, 55 seconds behind, 2; Mr. W. T. Seal's Glen Briar, 15 seconds behind, 3. Time, 6 minutes 26 seconds.

District High-weight Handicap of 10 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. W. T. Seal's Clara, 9st 12lb, 1; Mr. Holmes's Cornet, 10st 12lb, 2; Mr. J. Jones's Split Link, 9st 9lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 33 seconds.

Farewell Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. Lawson's Dawn, 8st, 1; Mr. S. King's Coronation, 2; Mr. W. T. Seal's Clara, 3. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

INVERELL JOCKEY CLUB.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

At the Jockey Club races to-day the attendance was not up to expectations, owing no doubt to the dearth of amusements lately. The weather was very hot. Results:—

Opening Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. A. Anderson's Hidalgo, by Saraband—Carissima, 8st 12lb, 1; Mr. J. Viper's Lochiong, 8st 7lb, 2. Only two started.

Hack Race.—Swagman, 8st 6lb, 1; Peggy, 7st 10lb, 2. Eight started.

New Year's Gift of 40 sovs.—Mr. A. M. White's Keeble, by Brazenose—Lady, 8st 7lb, 1; Hidalgo, 2; Oithona, 3.

Flying Handicap of 15 sovs.—Mr. J. Cross's Maxim, by Krup—Acorn, 9st 7lb, 1; Mr. H. R. Munroe's Calma, 7st 10lb, 2; Mr. W. Wells' Inkerman, 8st 7lb, 3.

Goodwood Handicap of 15 sovs.—Mr. H. R. Munroe's Valmai, by Ruenalf—Baroness, 8st 10lb, 1; Oithona, 9st 13lb, 2; Baronet, 7st 8lb, 3.

Farewell Handicap of 15 sovs.—Valmai, 8st 13lb, 1; Fingan, 7st 10lb, 2. Six started.

TOMERONG TURF CLUB.

TOMERONG, Wednesday.

A successful sports meeting took place to-day under the auspices of the Tomerong Turf Club on the new course. There were 500 present. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Mr. T. Mooney's Barrister, 1; Mr. C. E. Egan's Chancer, 2.

Hack Race.—Mr. G. Dent's Bondaree, 1; Mr. Moore's Sweetheart, 2.

Handicap Trot.—Mr. T. Britton's Lady Veldon, 1; Mr. T. Elmos's Jennie, 2. Five started.

Second Handicap Race.—Mr. E. Murray's Mona, 1; Mr. G. Dent's Bondaree, 2. Six started.

Forced Handicap.—Mr. C. Egan's Chancer, 1; Mr. Moore's Sweetheart, 2.

LAWN TENNIS.

NEW ZEALAND TOURNAMENT.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

At the tennis tournament at Auckland Canterbury won the provincial banner for the third successive year. Miss Nunneley won the ladies' championship, and Mr. Peacock the men's championship.

BOWLS.

ST. LEONARDS BOWLING CLUB.

The members of the St. Leonards Bowling Club have during the week been engaged in the first round of the championship match, the conditions of which are four standard bowls, 31 points up. Some interesting contests have already taken place, and others were continued yesterday. The following have already played:—J. C. Groth, 31, beat F. Love, 6; G. S. Arthur, 31, beat E. J. Fox, 9; J. Jervis, 31, beat W. H. Perry, 15; F. Punch, 31, beat G. Larkin, 18; C. Eveston, 31, beat J. Crumb, 14; J. Liggins, 31, beat M. David, 16; J. Blanksby, 31, beat A. Saddington, 24.

CRICKET.

INTER-DISTRICT CRICKET.

BATHURST v. ORANGE.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

An inter-district cricket match, Bathurst v. Orange, was played to-day. The weather was fine, and the attendance moderate. The wicket was in good order. Bathurst batted first, and made 172, towards which W. Barton contributed 61, J. Palmer 33, W. Keane 25, A. Hare 17, and T. Webb 15. Orange responded with 150, the principal scores being A. Gardener 50, M. French 35, and E. Barnes 27. Roberts was most successful with the ball for Bathurst, securing six wickets for 52 runs.

The local team in the second innings lost four wickets for 153 runs. Bathurst won on the first innings by 22 runs.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

In a cricket match Camden Stanmore (52) was defeated by Clifton (195).

MOUNT VICTORIA, Wednesday.

A cricket match played here to-day between Mount Victoria and West Sydney cricket clubs resulted in a draw. The scores were:—Mount Victoria, 150 (J. Trimble 43, White, not out, 40); West Sydney, five wickets for 60.

TRANGIE, Wednesday.

Trangie Juniors met Narromine Juniors to-day at Narromine. The former won by seven wickets. C. Gordon made twenty, F. Priddis 14, and J. Priddis 12.

SWIMMING.

BONDI CLUB CARNIVAL.

The committee of the Bondi Swimming Club has published the programme for the ninth annual carnival, to take place at Bondi on Saturday, January 11. The events are both numerous and attractive. The principal item is the 300 Yards Championship of New South Wales, in which Cavill (the present holder) will be opposed by Read and Craig. Cavill's fastest time for the distance is the world's record. Read, upon his present form, is looked to as the probable winner. Other events include inter-club races, class championship, as well as exhibitions of fancy swimming, diving, &c. The entries close on Saturday next.

THE FAR EAST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE VICEROY OF CANTON.

HONGKONG, Nov. 30.

It is very generally thought that the Viceroy of Canton cannot last much longer. His health has been failing for some time past, and a few days ago he had a severe relapse. The Canton folk will be sorry to lose Tao Mu, for he has shown himself to be in favour of a certain amount of reform, and all movements likely to improve education or trade have received his unqualified support. He has done his best, too, to improve the officials. It is thus felt by natives and foreigners alike that a change of viceroys might very well be for the worse.

UNREST.

We still hear of great unrest in Southern China, and a very considerable amount of rebellion exists in Kwangsi. Piracy and brigandage are on the increase to a great extent, and the Canton merchants say that they have not seen the country so unsafe for traders for years past. Many of them are afraid to send their goods up country owing to the heavy blackmail extorted by the various robber bands. The robbers have become more daring, and are now sending in demands for blackmail to whole villages, and even to Canton firms, threatening all sorts of reprisals unless the sum demanded is quickly forthcoming. In only too many instances they have been successful in their blackmailing; and in one or two, where their demands have been refused, they have descended upon the village, helping themselves to whatever they desired, and firing the houses before leaving. As the winter approaches robberies invariably increase in number in South China, but not to anything like the extent to which they have grown of late. In Hainan the bandits are practically holding the people in a reign of terror, and although numerous bodies of braves have been sent from Canton to deal with them they have all been defeated by the bandits at the first attempt. It is hardly necessary to remark that this has upset the whole internal trade of the island, and if things get much worse we shall probably see France stepping in to restore order. Arms still continue to be smuggled into Southern China freely, and there can be little doubt that the whole of the population of the Two Kwangs is fully armed. Whether these arms are for purposes of protection, rebellion against the Manchu Government, or to aid in the great driving out and extermination of the foreigners, which we are told is inevitable, remains to be seen.

THE REFORM PARTIES.

Very little has been heard of the two reform parties under Kang Yu Wei and Sun Yat Sen of late. It is said, in fact, that both parties have lost a good many adherents recently, owing to the fact that the leaders appear to be dreamers more than men of action, but as this is the official view of matters it may well be that the wish has proved father to the thought. At all events, the Canton officials still seem as uneasy in their minds as ever on account of the reformers, and rumours of smuggled dynamite are rife everywhere. A few days ago a Chinaman was arrested on one of the federated Malay States railways with a large tin carefully soldered up and labelled "Osborne Biscuits," but which really contained a good amount of dynamite, detonators, and fuse. He stated that he was bound for China, and it is possible that a lot of explosives find their way into the country in this manner. So far there is no news of the cargo of dynamite and arms, supposed to have been shipped in England, having been run.

DENGUE FEVER.

We have at the present time an epidemic of dengue fever raging in the colony, and everybody is succumbing to it. Nobody dies of it, for the mortality is said to be only 1 per cent., and nobody in Hongkong seems to be the hundredth man. It is very unpleasant, however, commencing with rheumatic pains in the limbs, next developing into fever and then culminating in a most irritating rash. The attack lasts from eight to 10 days as a rule, and its after effects are felt for a considerable time, as it is very enervating, and leaves one full of aches and pains and as weak as a kitten. It is no respecter of persons, either, and rich and poor, native and foreigner, suffer alike, and as it is very infectious, once it appears in a house or office it goes right through it, each member taking it in turn. Of other diseases we seem to be fairly free at present. Plague has ceased, and the cold weather outbreak of smallpox has not yet put in an appearance.

OUR GARRISON.

It now seems to have been finally decided that the garrison of Hongkong is to consist permanently of one British and three native regiments, with artillery, sappers, &c., in proportion. We have now the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, the 22nd Bombay Infantry, the 2nd Rajputs, and the 5th Hyderabad Contingent. The Rajputs, however, have been ordered up to Tientsin to relieve our own Hongkong regiment, which will arrive here in the course of a few days. It is said, however, that this regiment is to cease to exist in its present form, and will be merged in the Indian Army under the title of the 145th Punjabis. The reason for this change is that the pay of the Hongkong Regiment was above that of the Indian Army, and now that Indian native regiments have to do garrison duty outside India the continuance of the Hongkong Regiment would, perhaps, prejudice recruiting.

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THE WEATHER.

THE HURRICANE ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN LINE.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

JUNEE, Wednesday.

Yesterday evening a violent hailstorm swept along the south-western line from Ganmain to Old Junee, causing great havoc in its course. It averaged in width about a mile. Houses were unroofed, trees hurled down, and all unstripped crops in the track were completely destroyed. At Old Junee Samuel Storey, storekeeper, lost the roof of his stables; and H. Costin, blacksmith, also had a stable unroofed. J. W. Green, of Hillview, lost 500 acres of wheat, and 11 acres of splendid garden was stripped of all fruit, whilst the roof was taken off his chaffhouse and portions of iron were blown 400 yards. Mrs. H. Emanuel's dairy and buggy shed were blown down, the stable was unroofed, and wind burst the door of the dwelling and a lot of glassware in one room was broken. Mr. Case's stable was blown down. Louis Belling lost a kitchen, and a child in a cradle had a miraculous escape from a falling rafter.

E. Brown had an exciting time out in the bush with a waggon and team of six horses. Trees were falling all around, and the horses got beyond control.

Rockview station suffered worst. It had 4000 acres under wheat on the halves system. Very little had been stripped, and it is estimated now not to yield more than 500 bags.

Amongst the losers on the station were:—J. Johnstone, 1000 acres; James Butler, 400 acres; John Butler, 30 acres; Thomas Mason, 60 acres; George Fox, 150 acres; James M'Devitt, 160 acres; Stephen Dwyer, 600 acres.

Heavy damages are also reported from Marrar station.

A gang of railway men had a severe experience. Hail fell as big as hen-eggs.

THE BUSH FIRES.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The temperature reached 105·5, accompanied by hot winds. The atmosphere was obscured by smoke from fires which are burning all over the district. Several homesteads have been burnt. Mr. H. Elliott, Clunes, had his house burnt during Christmas week. Mr. Bryant's house and most of the contents at Cowlong-road were burnt on Tuesday when the owner was absent. His wife being an invalid and the children being young, they were unable to cope with the fire, which surrounded the place.

BRUSHGROVE, Wednesday.

Last night the weather was almost unbearable on account of the heat and smoke from adjacent bush fires.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

The heat continues, with parching north-westerly winds. There are bush fires in many parts. Some of the cane crops have been destroyed.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

The rainfall last month was only 15 points, which is the lightest monthly record for 16 years. The total rainfall for last year was only 31in. 87 points, which is the lowest yearly rainfall since 1885, and is less than half the quantity recorded for 1900, which was 64½in. The average annual rainfall here during the past 16 years has been a little over 56 inches. The 15 points recorded for last month represent all the rain that fell in 44 days, thirteen days of November not having yielded one point. Private water supplies throughout the town have in most cases become exhausted. The continued dry weather has had a disastrous effect upon the field, orchard, and garden. What grass remains is little better than stubble. The crops are in a languishing state, and fruit has nearly disappeared.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The rainfall for the year was 4625 points, being 9½in. more than the previous year, and 11in. below the average of the last 17 years.

TUMUT, Wednesday.

Thunderstorms occurred yesterday, with refreshing showers. It was cool to-day.

YAMBA, Wednesday.

The heat this morning was the record for many years past, registering 105° in the shade.

YASS, Wednesday.

Slight showers of rain fell on Tuesday evening, but not sufficient to be of any material benefit.

DEATH OF GENERAL BURNE, C.B.

The London "Times" records the death, at Brighton, on November 7, of General Henry Knightley Burne, C.B., of the Indian Army, at the age of 76. This officer entered the service in 1843, served with distinction in the Sutlej campaign of 1845-46, and also in the Burmese war of 1852-53, for which services he received advancement in rank; he afterwards filled various positions on the Staff up to 1870, when he became Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, from which post he retired in 1881. In his record of families of Royal lineage Mr. Foster mentions General Burne and his brothers, some of whom are well known in London, as a remarkable instance of a family without title and without lands which is descended on the father's side from the De Leibурnes, and on the mother's side traces a direct descent from Charlemagne and Alfred the Great, besides being sixteenth in direct descent from Edward III.

WHAT THE AGED CAN REMEMBER.

In alluding to the statement that there is no foundation for the tradition that the late Dowager Lady Carew was present at the famous ball given by the Duchess of Richmond on the eve of Waterloo, the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" remarks that one thing is certain, however—that, inasmuch as she was 17 at the time, she was not too young for the victory to make a vivid impression on her. That would be nothing compared with other feats of memory. One of the most remarkable of these is that recorded four years ago in the "Times" by Mr. Gorell, of Coltishall, Norwich. Mr. Gorell, who was born at Kirkby Lonsdale in 1804, had at the age of 93 a clear recollection of the Jubilee of King George the Third, on October 25, 1809; and he also remembered well the excitement of the Peninsular war. Of later incidents, such as the surrender of Napoleon in 1814, his banishment to Elba, his subsequent escape, and the battle of Waterloo, as well as the grand illuminations celebrating that event throughout England, he could give many reminiscences; and he could never forget the great frost of 1814, which lasted 14 weeks. It is unknown whether this gentleman still survives, but, writing in the Diamond Jubilee year, he said, "I am now in my 94th year of age. It is upwards of 142 years since the birth of my father, and I am thankful to say I am in full vigour of mind and body."

MAIZE ON ENGLISH TABLES.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" has discovered that a "new vegetable" has been introduced into English homes. The "Gazette" says:—"From the United States, to meet the wants of Canadian and American visitors, green Indian cobs have been forwarded to the London market, this esculent being preserved in crossing the Atlantic by means of cold storage. But this class of competition is not to go unchecked, and many astute market-gardeners and others are developing enterprises to secure the British market for themselves. In one instance, we have to chronicle the advent of a new English vegetable, new, however, only inasmuch that until recently green Indian corn has not been grown as a vegetable in this country, although so well known in the form it was sent to Covent Garden from America. It is true that the maize plant, with its tall stem, long flaglike foliage, and silvery fringe, has been grown for years in our gardens for decorative purposes, but the cobs have been neglected in their edible or profitable possibilities until last year, when certain market-gardeners discovered that an ordinary summer will develop the heads in this country quite sufficiently for eating in the green state, and from these experiments it was found that in delicacy of flavour the heads grown in this country were fully equal to those grown in the United States or in Canada. So rapidly has this esculent advanced in favour that whole fields are now devoted in Essex to growing this Indian corn, or maize, as it is called in England, to be cut early, and this season it is finding a growing demand at the large hotels in the West-end. The ordinary cookery-books as yet do not include recipes for it, but in the preparation of this vegetable nothing can be more simple, for the cobs only need be boiled in slightly salted water till tender, and served with plain, melted, or oiled butter. When taken at table one finds that 'fingers were made before forks,' for like asparagus it cannot be properly consumed with other assistance."

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ANNANDALE.

This council met on December 30. Present: The Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor), in the chair, and Aldermen Cohen, Ferris, Wells, Woods, Broad, Bull, Ridge, and Robertson. Applications by ratepayers for kerbing and guttering and extra lighting facilities were referred to the works and lighting committees respectively. A petition signed by a large number of ratepayers, protesting against the proposal to erect a garbage destructor at Piper-street, Leichhardt, was referred to the garbage committee for report. The Leichhardt Council wrote inquiring if the Annandale Council was willing to contribute one-half of the cost of placing and lighting a lamp in the centre of Booth-street Bridge. The matter was referred to the lighting committee. Mr. W. G. Lobb wrote complaining of a nuisance existing in Parramatta-road, caused by the discharge of sewer gas from an untrapped gully shaft of a pipe drain recently constructed by the Government. It was decided to forward the letter to the Public Works Department. The finance committee's report was read and adopted. It was recommended that accounts amounting to £150 4s 5d for salaries, wages, &c., should be paid, also that £50 should be placed to the interest account, £6 4s 8d to the Council-chambers account, and that the sum of £73 4s 9d should be paid to the Leichhardt Council for interest on loans due to January, 1902. The inspector of nuisances reported that there yet remained 262 houses in the borough to be connected with the sewer. Attention was also drawn to the unsatisfactory manner in which the White's Creek stormwater channel was being cleaned out, and it was recommended that a letter should be sent to the Water and Sewerage Board directing attention to the matter. The report and recommendations were adopted.

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ROZELLE AND BLACKWATTLE BAYS.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE FORESHORES.

During the past few days numerous complaints have been made to the authorities in connection with a very bad stench arising from the Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays. For the past three years similar conditions have been experienced, but the present visitation is stated by the oldest inhabitants in the vicinity to be by far the worst that has yet been known. The complaints have emanated from residents of Annandale, Balmain, Rozelle, Leichhardt, and Glebe Point. On Monday night the effluvia arising from the water and foreshores were unbearable. A visit was made to the locality by a "Herald" reporter. Around the foreshores at low tide the black muddy-looking sand presented a decaying mass, and the stench arising from it was beyond description. Last year, when similar conditions were experienced, the Minister for Works promised that during the winter months a dredge should be employed cleaning out the bottom of the bays, but the residents state that the Minister had proved unmindful of his promise, and that a large amount of sewage still flowed into the bays from the surrounding localities. It appears that since the work in connection with the new bridge to connect Pyrmont and Glebe Island was commenced there has been an annual visitation of a very bad stench. This is ascribed to the inability of the flood tide to flush the bays when receding.

Alderman H. B. Swan, of Swan Brothers, timber merchants, Rozelle Bay, who has been busy moving in the endeavour to have something done to alleviate this year's visitation, stated, in conversation with a "Herald" reporter, that the nuisance was worse than any previously experienced in the locality. It was getting unbearable, and during the past few days the men employed at their works were unable to eat their meals because of the stench pervading the atmosphere and arising from the waters of the bay. All round the foreshores of the two bays were being polluted, the cause of which was, in his opinion, the overflowing of blood and refuse from the punt at the abattoirs, assisted largely by the sewage which was still being deposited in the bay from Petersham, Leichhardt, and Balmain. At the foot of Gordon-street it was exceedingly bad, and was being silted up to such an extent that the ferry or other steamers could not get up into the head of the bay at all. The whole of the general sewage from the area drained by White's Creek on the Glebe side of the bay was being deposited there, and the Easton Park sewer draining through the municipal rubbish tip was also depositing its filth right at the bottom of Gordon-street, alongside of which the tramline passes, and close to the ferry wharf. Some nice recreation grounds, he said, had been made in the vicinity by reclaiming the foreshores, but they were of no use to the public owing to the wretched state of the surroundings. On Sunday morning, with the southerly wind blowing, the atmosphere was stifling. The dredge that was placed there last year for the purpose of clearing away the cause of the nuisance was soon afterwards removed, and a promise was given by the Minister for Public Works that he would place a large dredge in the bay during the winter months, so as not to cause too much stir amongst the fœtid matter in the hot weather. That had, however, not been attended to, and now it was worse than ever. He communicated with the Board of Health on October 12 regarding the nuisance, and received a reply from the Harbour Trust on November 25 stating that a dredge would be sent as soon as one was available. Although he received that reply over a month ago the dredge had not yet put in an appearance.

Mr. M'Intyre, of Soppet and M'Intyre, whose place of business is situated at the head of Rozelle Bay, also complained of the inconvenience caused. He informed our reporter that he could not understand what the stench actually arose from, as it seemed to pervade the whole of the bay; but whatever the cause it was a serious nuisance, and interfered greatly with the work. Several of their employees were made very ill by the stench. Seeing that a raid was being made by the authorities on the rats he communicated with the Board of Health regarding a number of dead animals that were floating about the bay, as he considered it a subject coming within the board's jurisdiction in health matters. The Health Board, however, referred him to the Harbour Trust, but nothing was done. He had not taken any further steps in the matter, as he was given to understand that it was one of those things that could not be cured, and had therefore to be endured. The steamers passing up and down the bay stirred up the filth too and made matters much worse. On Monday night he went over in the ferry boat to Sydney, and for the greater part of the journey the stench was very bad.

Mr. A. Guthrey (manager of the Union Box and Packing Company's works), Mr. F. L. Langdon (Langdon, Hopkins, and Langdon), and others who were spoken to by our representative bore out the statements made by other gentlemen interviewed. One of the most common complaints was that the employees after working a few hours had to relinquish work because of their becoming ill.

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HART.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID HART are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved youngest DAUGHTER, Queenie; to leave the residence, 18 Wigram-road, Glebe Point, THIS DAY, at 1.30, and from the Mortuary at 2.23.
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WEST.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WEST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Clarice; which will move from their residence, No. 6 Broadstairs-street, Balmain East, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Wesleyan Cemetery, Waverley.
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WEST.—The Relatives and Friends of Messrs. WALTER, WILLIAM, ALEXANDER, WESLEY, and HARRY WEST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved younger SISTER, Clarice, which will move from their parents' residence, 6 Broadstairs-street, Balmain East, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Wesleyan Cemetery, Waverley.

WISEMAN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN WISEMAN will leave the residence of his son-in-law, George Bent, Glenesta, Annandale-street, Annandale, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence to Necropolis.
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WILLIAMS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR F. WILLIAMS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Bessie Lucy; to leave their residence, 13 Cardigan-street, Lyndhurst, Glebe, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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LAYTON.—The Friends of the late Mrs. SARAH LAYTON are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to move from the residence of her husband (Mr. William Layton), Cramer-street, Parramatta South, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON at 3.30, for the Baptist Cemetery, Parramatta. Mrs. JORDAN SPARKS, Undertaker.

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